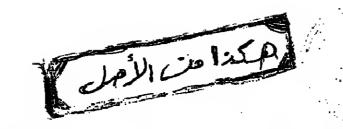
Israeli-backed militiaman killed

MARJAYOUN (AP) — Guerrillas Saturday shelled a post of the Israeli-affiliated South Lebanon Army (SLA) militia. Security sources said a militiaman was killed and nine others were wounded. The Islamic Resistance, military arm of Hizbollah, claimed responsibility for the attack in a statement released in the market town of Nabatiyyeh, north of the enclave Israel occupied in South Lebanon. The statement said the attack was launched "to commemorate the memory of Sheikh Abbas Musawi," the former leader of Hizbollah, who was killed when Israeli helicopter gunships blasted his convoy with wire-guided missiles in South Lebanon Feb. 16, 1992. One security source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said several mortar rounds slammed into the SLA post in Shoumarriwsh inside Israel's self-styled "security zone" at 2:15 p. m. (1315). Shoumarriyeh inside Israel's self-styled "security zone" at 3:15 p.m. (1315 GMT). He said two of the wounded men suffered minor injuries. The rest were evacuated to a hospital in Marjayonn. Officers with the United Nations peacekeeping force in South Lebanon said SLA militiamen retaliated by shelling the vicinity of the Litani River and the village of Zawtar Sharqiyyeb, which overlooks Shoumarriyeh, with Howitzer



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League council to meet on Israeli practices

CAtro (AP) — The Arab League meets next Tucsday to consider Israeli measures against Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza, the league's top executive said Saturday. Esmai Abdul Meguid, secretary general of the 2t-member group, told reporters the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) requested the meeting after Israeli occupation lorces cracked down barebly on Palestinians in greent weeks. The meeting will be organisation (PLO) requested the meeting after (sraeli occupation lorces cracked down harshly on Palesunians in recent weeks. The meeting will be low-level, with only permanent delegates accredited to the Cairo-based league attending, Dr. Abdul Meguid said. A League official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said nothing more than a statement condemning Israel is expected. PLO leader Yasser Arafai messaged Dr. Abdul Meguid and Fauntian President United Michael on Saturday Compilation. and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak on Saturday complaining about the situation. Mr. Arafat's message decried "Israel's killing of Palestinians and destruction of their homes. The messages urged action to stop these practices," a PLO official said.

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King visits Somalia unit

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AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein, the Supreme Com-mander of the Jordanian Armed Forces, Saturday visited the Royal Military College, where he inspected a unit which has been prepared and equipped to participate with the international emergency forces deployed in Somalia. King Hussein watched exercises by the unit. King Hussein was ecompanied on the visit by the chief of staff of the land forces and his assistant for operations and training.

Husseini: PLO could enter peace talks

CAIRO (R) — Faisal Husseini, head of Palestinian delegates to Middle East peace talks, was quoted on Samrday as saying the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) would have to enter the talks directly if Israel did not show more flexibility. Mr. Husseini told Al Quds newspaper the expulsion of Palestinians and rising bloodshed in the occupied territories would require the PLO to step up resistance if they continued. Only the PLO would have the credibility to counter an increasingly brutale occupier in the streets and at the negotiating table at the same time, be said. "If this is (Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak) Rabin's choice we also will not be bound by negotiations alone. (We) will have no choice but to call on supporters to respond to Israeli oppression," said Mr. Husseini, "But when this happens and the rules of the game change, we who are under fsraeli authority will change places with the PLO outside, which possess the authority and the power and the freedom to carry out this policy," he added. "The PLO will negotiate directly as well as leading the resistance struggle, as happened in the negotiations over Vietnam and Algeria," Mr. Husseini said.

Libya appears to soften stance

TUNIS (R) — A close aide to Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi said Saturday Tripoli would allow two Libyans to stand trial in Britain or the United States over the Lockerbie bombing if so ordered by an international court. The comments by Belgacem Al Zwai, Libya's ambassa-dor to Morocco, appeared to be a - - softening of Tripoh's stance. Last month, Libya appeared to harden its position by saying it wanted a just and fair trial in a "neutral country." It bad said previously it would accept a trial in a "just and fair court," appearing to leave open the possibility of proceedings in Britain or the United States. Mr. Zwai said bis country would abide by any ruling by the International Court of Justice in the Hague, which beard Libya's request last March to consider the

Bashir relieves foreign minister

KHARTOUM (AP) - All Sahloul, Sudan's foreign minister since Lieutenant-General Omar Hassan Al Bashir came to power in a military coup 31/2 years ago has been rebeved from his post the official Sudan News Agency (SUNA) reported Saturday. SUNA said Mr. Sahloul was re-placed by Hussem Abu Saleh, a medical doctor who has held a portfolio in every single cabinet since 1985. No reason was given for Gen. Bashir's decision. Mr. Sahloni, a career diplomat, returned to the Foreign Ministry as mbassador with the status of a iederal minister. Mr. Abu Saleh has served as minister of foreign ffairs, bealth, culture, developnent and social welfare.

Maghreb leaders)ian summit

UNIS (R) — The heads of state Algeria, Libya, Mauritania, orocco and Tunisia will meet in misia at the end of 1993 in an tempt to speed up regional ingration, Tunisian Foreign inister Habib Ben Yahia said turday. The five countries the up the Arab Maghreb Uni. which was set up in 1989 to rk for a regional common mar-1. Mr. Ben Yahia, speaking er a two-day meeting of the ion's council of ministers in nis, said the ministers had deed to give priority to putting o effect 25 agreements.

Security Council accepts Israeli offer over evictees as first step

Rabin asserts crisis is resolved; Palestinians dismiss U.N. move as illegitimate and meaningless

Combined agency dispatches

THE SECURITY Council. prompted by the U.S., has moved to elear the way for continued Middle East peace talks by accepting Israel's offer to repatri-ate 101 of more than 400 exiled

But Palestinians dismissed Fri-. day's development as "meaning-less" and illegitimate. The exiles Saturday held a mock funeral for the Security Council.

Diplomats had said the United States wanted the Security Council to demonstrate to Arab countries that it had not dropped the issue of the expulsions, which have stalled the U.S.-sponsored peace talks.

But the move may backfire if it is seen as nothing more than an attempt to avoid sanctioning

Arab states have said they would not return to the negotiating table until all the men were repatriated, as the Security Council first demanded in a resolution passed on Dec. 10, a day after the

fsraeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin asserted that the issue of the expellees bad come to its conclusion following the U.N.

The Security Council said it acknowledged an Israeli decision to repatriate 101 expellees immediately and the others by the end of the year, calling it "a step in the right direction."
"The issue of the leaders of

to its conclusion following the understanding reached between Israel and the U.S. administration and the Israeli government decision taken following that understanding on Feb. 1," Mr. Rabin said tbrough his spokes-

The Israeli decision to shorten the terms of exile of the alleged Islamic militants was reached after negotiations with U.S. repre-

Mr. Rabin said he hoped the peace talks could now be resumed. The Palestinian negotiating team dropped out of the talks, demanding that Israel comply with Security Council Resolution 799 calling for the return of the

"This formal conclusion at the Security Council paves the way for the resumption of the peace talks," Mr. Rabin's spokesman said. "The prime minister hopes all the parties involved in the negotiations will now make every effort to bring about the resumption of the talks as soon as possi-

The U.N. paper was read by Security Council President Ahmad Snoussi at a meeting with Israeli U.N. envoy Gad Yaacobi. The points covered in the state-

- Reaffirmed the council's commitment to Resolution 799, demanding the immediate return of all the banished Palestinians, and the need for its implementation; - Took note of a Feb. 9 letter said earlier Friday that the in Cairo.

Hamas who were removed came from Mr. Yaacobi to the council president saying Israel's recent decision to repatriate some of the expellees at once and the rest before the end of the year was 'consistent with the principles of

Resolution 799" an oblique

acknowledgment of the council's - Acknowledged fsrael's decision as a step in the right direc-

Urged Israel "to follow through expeditiously with the above points, allowing therefore the return of all the deportees as soon as possible;"

 Reaffirmed support for the 16-month-old Middle East negotiations, and urged all concerned to redouble their efforts to reinigorate the peace process. U.S. Secretary of State Warren

Christopber is due to visit the Middle east shortly and a resolution of the expellees issue would greatly assist his efforts to revive the peace talks. Palestinian peace negotiator

Hanan Ashrawi said in a statement the plan 'fails to address the central issue of the illegality of deportations. "The Palestinian position regarding the expulsions remains

unchanged we are committed to the full implementation of U.N. Security Council Resolution 799 as a requirement for the resumption of negotiations," she said. Dr. Ashrawi, in Washington for talks with State Department

and White House officials, had

The secretary general of the Arab League. Esmat Abdul Meguid, said the Security Council move could be viewed as a "step in the right direction."

"If these efforts fall within the framework of implementing the resolution fully and speedily so the peace talks can be held, then this is a positive matter," he said

Palestinians "will be willing to

deal with whatever the Security

Council decides" on im-

nisation's (PLO) U.N. observer, Nasser Al Kidwa, said he played

no part in the council's action and

reiterated demands for the im-

mediate repatriation of all those

this issue is now finally removed

from the agenda of the Security

But Mr. Snoussi said the coun-

Council and the United Nations.

cil "remains seized of the affair"

- meaning it could return to the

Mr. Kidwa said he would con-tinue PLO efforts to have trade

sanctions imposed on fsrael un-

less all the evictees are returned

immediately. The PLO had asked the Security Council to impose

Mr. Snoussi, the council's only

Arab member, said the 15 nation

council would take no more pub-

lie action unless the situation

flared up again in Israel or Leba-

issue at a later date.

Mr. Yaacobi said: "We believe

The Palestine Liberation Orga-

plementing Resolution 779.



Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker (second from left) Saturday holds talks with U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy (third from left) in a meeting attended by Minister for Prime Ministry Affairs Ibrahim Lzzeddine (left) and U.S. Ambassador Roger Harrison

Sharif Zeid, Leahy say U.S. has to revise vision

AMMAN (J.T.) — Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker Saturday held talks with U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy on Jordanian-American relations, the Jordan

News Agency. Petra, reported. It quoted Sharif Zeid and Sen. Leahy as voicing "the need for the U.S. to review its vision of the Middle East region, taking into consideration the changes that have occurred on the international arena, and the aspiration of the peoples of the region."

During the meeting, which was attended by Minister for Prime Ministry Affairs Ihrahim Izzeddine and U.S. Ambassador Roger Harrison, Sharif Zeid and Sen, Leahy also reviewed the situation of the nearly 400 Palestinians now stranded in South Lebanon after they were expelled by the Israeli occupation authorities on Dec. f7.

Sen. Leahy, who is on a Middle East visit which has alredy taken him to Israel and Egypt, voiced his concern over the plight of the expellees and said that he was familiarised with the international position vis-a-vis Israel's stand on the crisis.

Petra said Sharif Zeid described the crisis as a stumbling (Continued on page 5)

Assad and Abu Jaber hold talks

DAMASCUS (Agencies) — Syrian President Hafez Al Assad held talks Saturday on Palestinian evictees and the Middle East peace process with Jordanian Foreign Minister Kamel Abu Ja-

Officials and diplomats said Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Al Sharaa was present at the meeting and would hold more talks with Dr. Abu Jaber on a U.N. Security Council formula aimed at defusing the expellee crisis which has hindered the resumption of peace talks.

The Syrian-Jordanian talks are part of a series of contacts among Arabs involved in the peace process prior to next week's tour of the region by U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher.

Jordan's Amhassador in Damascus Navef Al Hadid also attended the talks.

Upon arriving in Damascus, Dr. Abu Jaber said his talks here with Syrian officials would cover Jordanian-Syrian relations, the situation in the Middle East, the Middle East peace talks and the

issue of Palestinian expellees. He told the Syrian Arab News Agency (SANA) that he would discuss the U.N. Security Council statement accepting the return of the expellees in stages with the objective of coordinating the Jordanian and Syrian stands on

Exiles stage 'funeral' for Security Council

Russian envoy demands Iraqi

compliance with U.N. terms

MARJ AL ZOHOUR, Lebanon (Agencies) - Nearly 400 Palesti - bility. nians expelled by Israel staged a "funeral" Saturday for the U.N. Security Council to underline their rejection of a compromise under which Israel would repatri-

ate them piecemeal. Marching in the rain near their camp in southeast Lebanon, the evictees carried a wooden coffin labelled "U.N. Security Conncil" in a funeral procession. The casket was lowered into a

grave and the evictees' spokesman, Abdul Aziz Rantisi, told his comrades the Security Council "the first fatality in our

"I hereby commemorate the Security Council's credibility, which it lost when it squandered the rights of the Palestinians to return home," said Dr. Rantisi, a physician from the Israelioccupied Gaza Strip. "Only God is immortal," the

evictees chanted. A wooden marker placed on the grave read in Arabic: "Here

BAGHDAD (AP) — A Russian

special envoy left Baghdad Satur-

day after Iraq apparently failed to

win Moscow's support for the

lifting of United Nations sanc-

fgor Melekhov, deputy chief of

the Russian Foreign Ministry's

Middle East desk, said that Iraq

must first comply with all U.N.

resolutions stemming from the

Gulf war before Moscow would

consider helping start a dialogue

to end frag's isolation.

tions crippling the economy.

The U.N. Security Council Friday agreed to a U.S.-brokered compromise that allowed Israel to repatriate 101 expellees and "to follow through expeditiously to allow the return of all the Dr. Rantisi said the formula

was only aimed at smoothing the way for U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopber's visit to the

Mr. Christopher is due in the area Feb. 17 to try to revive Middle East peace talks, stalled since the expulsions.

"This declaration stresses anew the double standard used by the Security Council which has refused compromise solutions in implementing its resolutions in other international cases," Dr. Rantisi said on Friday's Security Council paper. The paper said Israel's offer to

let 101 return at once and the rest

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tion on Iraq's stand on complying

with the resolutions and opinion

of the new U.S. administration.

He did not share his impressions

Mr. Melekhov deelined to

make further statements before

leaving the Iraqi capital on the

1,000 kilometre overland trip to

Amman, Baghdad's only link

Iragi officials had no immedi-

Russia's demand for a U.N.

Iraq desperately needs the

Security Council to lift economic

sanctions imposed during the

ly with all resolutions pertaining

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with the outside world.

ate comment on the visit.

with reporters.

Hariri: No separate peace with Israel

prime minister Saturday ruled out a separate peace treaty with Israel but said progress on the Jewish state's withdrawal from south Lebanon should not be linked to regional peace

also said President Hosni Mubarak pledged to use his influence with the Israelis to persuade them to withdraw from a selfproclaimed Lebanese "security

Making the first visit by a peace talks should restart.

Palestinians to South Lebanon was resolved, he said: "Let me put the question another way. The deportees' issue, whatever happens, will be on the negotiations table. "ft's much better that it's

solved before talks restart because matters will be very tough if n is not. In any case let us wait until (Christopher) comes and see

"Signing a separate agreement with fsrael is not possible," Mr. Hariri said after a 45 minute meeting with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

mentation of the United Nations resolution calling for withdrawal of fsrael from occupied Lebanese territory. This is the basis on which Lebanon entered the peace

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Algerian strongman escapes carbomb

ALGIERS (Agencies) - Defence Minister Khaled Nezzai seen as the strongman in Algeria's collective presidency, nar-rowly escaped assassination Saturday when a powerful car-bomb exploded as he drove past. The official APS news agency said the bomb was deliberately aimed at General Nezzar. He was not hurt and there were no

"The car, which was parked near Al Biar Stadium exploded about f0 a.m. just as the minister's car was near it," it said. No-one had yet claimed re-

sponsibility for the attack. Gen. Nezzar is considered the strongman behind the High State Council, an army-backed junta that deposed President Chadli Benjedid in January 1992 when Muslim fundamentalists were about to sweep into control of parliament in legislative elections.

The council cancelled the elec tions and imposed a state of emergency that is still in effect. Continuing skirmishes between Muslim insurgents and security forces have killed about 300 police and soldiers.

Last June Head of State Mohammad Boudiaf was shot dead by a 26-year-old officer in the security forces. An official inquiry said the assassin was a supporter of the outlawed Islamic

Salvation Front (FIS) party.
"A government source said the powerful explosion caused only material damage. There were no wounded among the passengers in the minister's car nor among pedestrians," APS of Saturday's blast.

Less than 24 hours before the attack, Algeria's justice ministry announced that four Muslim fundamentalists had been executed after the supreme court rejected their appeals (see page 2). Security vehicles, sirens

screaming, raced through streets to the capital's heights where the attack took place. The area was cordoned off by paramilitary police, witnesses said. Firemen hosed down the road round the blackened remnants of a car. Metal shutters of three nearby

shops were twisted and blackened by the blast. "I thought it was an earthquake." said a young man who lives in the area overlooking the Mediterranean.

An executive with a Western oil firm based in the area of the attack said: "There was an extremely loud explosion near the

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Israeli lawmakers to appeal destruction of Gaza homes

KHAN YOUNIS, occupied Gaza Strip (Agencies) — An Arab Movement Hamas which opposes member of Israel's parliament Saturday told Palestinians whose homes were rocketed by Israeli
troops he would appeal to the
"Peace-seekers are seekers of high court to stop the destruction of Arab homes.

dreams. You are drowning in dreams." they shouted.

"The Israelis destroyed these houses not for security reasons but just to satisfy the Israeli people," said Taleb Al Sanah, who represents the Arab Democratic List.

"I'm going to appeal to the high court to stop the demolition of houses," he said on a visit to the site of damaged and destroyed homes in the occupied

Gaza Strip. The army fired rockers at 20 Palestinian homes Thursday in what it described as an operation to arrest wanted activists.

Faisal Al Husseini, adviser to the Palestinian delegation to Middle East peace talks, told 35 Palestinian families made homeless in the attack that the army's action was "a war against civi-

About f00 Palestinians, sup-

porters of the Islamic Resistance

The United Nations Relief and Works Agency said it was going to distribute \$26,000 among the homeless families, as well as food and tents. The families are presently living with relatives.

Soldiers shot and wounded If Palestinians in clashes on Friday night. Palestinian sources said. The army confirmed four Palestinians were wounded.

The Israeli military commander of the Gaza Strip said Saturday that soldiers dispersing violent demonstrations have some-

times "accidentally" shot chil-Brigadier General Yom-Tov

Samiya was asked about the killing of children and Palestinian youths in an interview with Israel

Kabul forces push rebels out of western stronghold

KABUL fAgencies) — The Isla- groups, deeply divided along relimic government tightened its grip on the battle-weary Afghan capital Saturday, pushing rival Shine rebels from their stronghold in western Kabul.

At least 1,000 people, mostly civilians, have been killed since the fighting started Jan. 19 between government troops and the fundamentalist group Hezb-e-Islami and its ally, the Iranianbacked Hezb-e-Wahdat. Hospital officials estimate

another 4,000 people have been wounded and tens of thousands more have fled the city. Doctors in Kabul say the exact

death toll will never be known because most Afghans bury their dead immediately in keeping with strict Islamic tradition. Government soldiers moving into abandoned Hezb-e-Wahdat

positions Saturday found the remains of four hostages who had been killed and partly burned by fleeing Shiite rebels, witnesses

Angry government soldiers, who discovered the dead, cursed Hezb-e-Wahdat chief Abdul Ali Mazari.

"This is his work. Even the Russians never behaved like this," shouted Mullah Izzatullah, a former guerrilla commander. Since taking power from the former Soviet-backed, communist rulers last April, guerrilla

gious, ethnic and trihal lines. have turned their weapons on one Hezb-e Islami chief Gulbuddin

Hekmatyar and Hezb-e-Wahdat. which represents Afghanistan's minority Shille Muslims, have vowed to desiroy the city unless President Burhanuddin Rabbani In fighting Saturday, witnesses

said Shiite rebels shot at government troops trying to rescue a 60-year-old woman wounded and bleeding outside a grain silo. Two soldiers ran behind an armoured personnel earrier and slowly dragged the woman to safety.

Government spokesman Abdul Qanooni said a former communist, Ali Kodayadat, had negotiated an alliance between Mr. Hekmatyar's forces and Hezb-e-Wahdat troops.

Several members of the most radical wing of Afghanistan's disbanded Communist Party joined Mr. Hekmatyar when Muslim insurgents overran the capital and

took power. On the 26th day of fighting, most fire was concentrated on and around Sher Darwaza Hill, which has a commanding view over the city centre and is the site

of the ancient Kabul Wall.

"We captured Sher Darwaza at 12:15 midnight last night but we (Continued on page 3)



dition of anonymity. Mr. Melekhov sought clarifica-

said Mr. Melekhov of his talks with Iraqi officials. "The bottom line was that Iraq

"I wouldn't say it was success-Security Council review of the ful, I would say it was useful," U.S. cruise-missile attack on Baghdad last month fuelled lraq's hopes of splitting Moscow away from the U.S.-led Gulf war coali-

the five-day visit was the first by a senior Russian official since before the Gulf war broke out in 1991. Moscow had previously been Iraq's cheif military sup-

must first comply with all Security Council resolutions before Russia could consider offering a helping hand," a diplomat said on con-

Gulf crisis so that it can again sell oil and import goods.

The Security Council has demanded that Baghdad first comp-

CAIRO (Agencies) - Lebanon's issue of fsrael's expulsion of 4f5

Prime Minister Rafik Hariri

Palestinian evictees was solved.

Mr. Hariri did not rule out resuming stalled Middle East peace talks before the issue of

Lebanese prime minister to Cairo for 20 years, Mr. Hariri told a news conference he would wait to see what proposals U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher had before commenting on when Asked if Lebanon was prepared to restart talks before the

what be's got."

"But what is possible is imple-

U.N. team visits former Scud missile site in Iraq

BAGHDAD (R) - A team of U.N. inspectors spent its first day in the field Saturday visiting an Iraqi military camp where Scud missiles were built, a U.N. source

"We went to a site north of Baghdad doing an inventory of production tools," said Patrice Palanque, head of the f3-member team of international experts trying to fill remaining gaps in information on Iraq's ballistic weapons programme.

site as Iraq's sprawling military camp of Taji in the northern outskirts of Baghdad. "This is a typical military place. especially dedicated to Scud mis-

The U.N. source identified the

siles," the source said. Under U.N. supervision, the Iragis destroyed the missile production machines in Taji. Mr. Palanque, a Frenchman. and his team arrived in Baghdad

on Friday to check that Iraq is not

storing or secretly producing

rockets prohibited under the Gulf

war ceasefire terms.

There were no reports of fraqi resistance or lack of cooperation when the team of 13 experts, which arrived in Baghdad Friday. took inventory of components and tools at the site. Mr. Palanque said on arrival Friday that his team members

were given the cold shoulder

when the group landed in Iraq from Bahrain. There was no Iraqi official to receive them, the bus that brought them to Baghdad from the military airport at Haddaniya, 60 kilometres west of the Iraqi capital was late and immigration

procedures took a long time. But Mr. Palanque, himself an expert in ballistic missiles, said there was no sign of Iraqi indifference Saturday.

Asked to comment on the level

of Iraqi cooperation Saturday, he

said the "Iraqis are doing their job" and were being cooperative. Mr. Palanque's team was the third to reach Iraq since the United States led a series of air strikes against Iraqi air-defence installations in January.

MIDDLE EAST NEWS IN BRIEF

SANAA (AP) - Prime Minister Haider Al Attas Friday appealed

for financial help to rebuild southern regions, devastated by floods. Eighteen people died and thousands were left homeless in the recent floods, described as the country's worst in 50 years. Mr. Attas' appeal was broadcast by the state television after a trip to

the stricken region. He estimated the damage at two billion rivals

(\$125 million). "The entire infrastructure of public utilities has

completely gone, and all needs to be rebuilt," he said in his appeal,

Yemen, a country of 14 million, is among the poorest in the Arab

World. Its economic woes increased after the 1990-91 Gulf crisis

when its main bankrollers in the Gulf suspended the cash flow in

ALGIERS (R) - An earthquake shook the Algerian province of

Tipaza, about 60 kilometres west of the capital, on friday, the official news agency APS said. There were no immediate reports of

casualties or damage. According to the geophysical research centre, the quake registered 4.1 on the Richter scale, powerful

enough to cause heavy damage in a populated area. An aftershock registering 2.2 on the scale followed five minutes later, the agency said.

Cyprus to spend \$200m on Larnaca airport

NICOSIA (R) — Cyprus, visited by 1.5 million tourists last year, said Friday it planned to spend more than \$200 million to expand Larnaca airport, the busiest on the island. Communications

Minister Renos Stavrakis said the project would be complete by the

end of 1997 and would nearly double capacity from 3.5 million to

six million passengers a year. Two French companies, Sofreavia

and Aeroports de Paris, have been awarded the 3.2 million Cyprus

pound (\$6.4 million) contract to prepare the architectural drawings and supervise construction. The contracts were signed Friday and

the designs will be completed within 14 months. They will provide

for a new passenger terminal, a new control tower, a new cargo terminal and extension of the runway. "The project will cost about 100 million Cyprus pounds (\$200 million). Construction is sche-

duled to begin in 1994 and should be completed by the end of 1997; Mr. Stavrakis told reporters. Larnaca airport, on the

southern coast, was built after Turkish troops occupied the

northern third of Cyprus in 1974. A smaller airport near Paphos on

the southwestern coast is used primarily for charter flights.

Rushdie proposed for French doctorate

PARIS (R) - British writer Salman Rushdie could be given at

honorary doctorate in France, but might be prevented from collecting it because of Iran's threat on his life, French officials said

Earthquake shakes western Algeria

Yemen appeals for emergency aid

retaliation for its pro-Iraq stance.

Peace talks have reached a turning-point — Ashrawi

WASHINGTON (USIA) - The time has come "to admit that certain legal and moral questions have to be addressed in this peace process," according to Hanan Ashrawi, spokeswoman for the Palestinian delegation to the Middle East peace (alks, who says that continued Palestinian participation is contingent on "creating circumstances" which will enable the delegation to return to

During a press briefing spon-sored by the National Association of Arab Americans here Friday. Dr. Ashrawi said that from the Palestinian perspective, peace talks "have been at a standsnil since mid-December," and no dates have been set for resuming either multilateral or bilateral

Although discussions are still ongoing as to the conditions that will enable all parties to return. she said "the Palestinians will not resume negotiations without further action by the United Nations or the Israeli government." "I'm not maneuvering here.

We're not playing games. These are serious issues at stake," Dr. Ashrawi told reporters. "The manner of implementation is up to the Security Council." but U.N. Security Council Resolution 799 "has to be implemented to ensure the rule of law in our region and respect for Security

Council resolutions."

Dr. Ashrawi said that while Palestinians are committed to the peace process and have worked very hard to sustain it, "we have reached a moment of truth.

... This critical phase encapsulates — in a sense, summarises — all the problems that we've been having.

She pointed out that "yester-day in Khan Yunis, 12 houses were demolished using anti-(ank missiles, and eight others were seriously damaged."



"Every day we see people whose children have been killed ...we get capsules, letters from prison talking about torture and maltreatment. Every day we have to see families who have lost a relative. Every day we have to see houses being demolished, with people losing everything."

She said the question of human rights and of expulsions shows that the present process "has neither been a vehicle for change. nor has it hrought about new perceptions in terms of the reon, and we cannot confinue with business as usual."

Dr. Ashrawi said her visit to the United States was "to establish contact with the new administration," present the Palestinian position on several issues, and to urge the start of "a new phase" in the process.

One of the serious flaws of the peace process, she said, has been that there is no binding timetable to move the process forward and accomplish what has been agreed

She said that dates which have been set are viewed as a target date and not as a deadline, adding, "Of course you are going to end up with Israeli attempts at prolonging, and this is what has

Dr. Ashrawi said all of the U.S. officials with whom she met have given "a definite commitment that this is a priority issue on their agenda," that the U.S. does not condone nor will it accept deportation, and that "they are willing to work with us to ...regenerate the process."

The Palestinian delegation will be meeting with Secretary of State Warren Christopber when he comes to occupied Jerusalem, she said, "But I think it will be very important to implement 799 before Secretary Christopher goes to the region so that the talks will deal with the peace process rather than again with expulsions and human rights.'

Asked what fundamental changes the Palestinian delega-tion is advocating, Dr. Ashrawi said there are "serious substantive issues" of disagreement about the scope of the negotiations, such as territoriality (including East Jerusalem), security, legisla-tion, the settlements, and "the interlock," or transitional stage on permanent status and transfer of authority.

Asked if the issue of East Jerusalem is not too explosive an issue to be part of permanent negotiations, Dr. Ashrawi said that "not a single country in the world ...with the exception of Costa Rica ...accepted the unilateral annexation of East Jeru-salem, including the U.S." "The Israelis say East Jeru-

salem is a sensitive and explosive issue. So what?" Dr. Ashrawn remarked, "The occupation itself is sensitive and explosive. ... Human lives are sensitive issues, as far as we are concerned, and we want to discuss all this."



PROTEST IN CHICAGO: Omar Jarad (left) and his brother Anas (on shoulders of unidentified protester) demonstrate with several hundred Arab-Americans on Friday against the detention of their father Mohammad Jarad by the Israeli govern-

ment. Mohammad Jarrad is one of three American citizens of Arab origin held by Israeli authorities for alleged links with the Islamic Resistance Movement, Hamas (AFP photo)

Four executed in Algeria

the state.

ALGIERS (Agencies) — Four Muslim fundamentalists were eximple the said Thursday that "an iron fist will strike" fundamentalists. ecuted but eight others bad their death sentences commuted to life imprisonment, the Justice Ministry, quoted by Algiers radio, said Friday. It did not say when. Those executed included a man

called "Tayeb the Afghan," sentenced to death with nine others for a raid on a frontier post in 1991 in which three soldiers were killed and mutilated.

The radio did not say whether appeals for mercy had been granted for the eight other condemned men, whose appeal was rejected by the supreme court last In January Algeria executed

two other fundamentalists — the first death penalties carried out in a year during which courts have condemned 48 men to death. Executions are usually carried

out at dawn by firing squad.

Prime Minister Belaid Abdul

ists who pursued violence against

A military court sentenced the men last May in the Sahara Desert town of Ouargla. The court was told that men in

turbans attacked the post by night shouting "Allahu Akbar." One soldier described how guardsman Ahmad Kesri was found dead. "His brains were burst open, with his severed genitals in his mouth," soldier Ali Chiboub said.

Prosecutor Captain Abdul Karim Boualef told reporters during the trial: "It was more than an assassination, their

bodies were mutilated with knives and swords." He sought death sentences against 15 of the 62 men on trial. The court sentenced 13 to death,

acquitted 16 and gave the others

prison terms from four years to

The month after the attack, the fundamentalist Islamic Salvation Front (FIS) took a massive lead

in general elections. But the authorities cancelled the second round of voting in January 1992 and later outlawed

Gunmen have since launched a guerrilla campaign against the security forces.

An official human rights group last week said at least 250 members of the security forces have been killed along with about 350

Algiers and six surrounding districts have been under night curfew since Dec. 5.

Friday. Education and Culture Minister Jack Lang said he had approved a proposal, sponsored by the human rights league, from some 100 French professors that their universities grant Mr. guerrillas and civilians. Rushdie the award. The hitch is that France has denied entry to Mr. Rushdie since he was sentenced to death by Iranian leader Early this week the authorities Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini four years ago for allegedly blasextended indefinitely a state of pheming Islam in his book "The Satanic Verses." Mr. Rushdie told emergency which was due to ex-French television by satellite on Thursday his requests for private pire last Toesday. visits to France were turned down. They were turned down three

times, without any satisfactory explanation, contrary to the law, he said. "I was given to understand that I would not get any help although I need it." Foreign ministry sources said Mr. Rushdie applied to visit France during or after the Gulf war. Authorities feared at the time his presence could cause tension with the Muslim. community. As a citizen of a European Community country, Mr. Rushdie is legally entitled to enter France freely. But he needs round the clock protection because of the Iranian threat. " suppose that great precautions need to be taken for his life and that

some day. As soon as possible, I hope." Mr. Rushdie has stepped up appearances and trips abroad. In the past year, he has visited nine countries to seek support.

of other people," Mr. Lang told television. "I hope he will come

yoman beneaded for murdering nusband RIYADH (AP) - A woman convicted of murdering her husband was beheaded Friday in the southwestern region of Adha, the Interior Ministry announced. The woman, identified as Goman Bint Abdul Khalik Al Ghambi, told the Islamic court during trial that she killed her husband, "because she did not want him as he was old," the statement said. Her age and that of ber late husband were not disclosed. Describing the murder, the statement said the woman used her husband's rifle to shoot him in his sleep, theodragged his body to the kitchen and set it alight. It was not clear when the murder took place. The nationality of the woman was not specified, a normal practice when the convict is a Saudi.

Belgian troops disarm 13 Somalis

BRUSSELS (R) - Belgian troops with the United Nations force in Somalia detained and disarmed 13 Somali militia fighters near Kismayu port, a Belgian Defence Ministry spokesman said Friday. The fighters, from the militia led by General Mohammad Said Hersi, known as Gen. Morgan, were driving an armed vehicle known as a "technical" when they were intercepted by a patrol of Belgian paratroops, the spokesman said. The men, who were outside the zone designated for Sen. Morgan's forces, were handed over to the U.S. army to take them back to their area. The technical was destroyed.

Moroccan stuck for 6 months at Belgian airport

BRUSSELS (R) — A Moroccan seeking political asylum in Belgium bas spent most of the past six months in the transit zone of Brussels's international airport, an interior ministry official said Friday. The man, named by the official only as Seqqal, arrived in Belgium last September without documents via the port of Ghent and claimed to be a Moroccan. Belgium turned down his request for political asylum and sent him back to Morocco. But Morocco sent him back to Belginm after he told the authorities he was of Israeli nationality. Once back in Belgium, he claimed again he was Moroccan and appealed to the country's council of state to quash the decision to extradite him. The official said that Sequal was moved to a more comfortable location in the transit zone Friday. pending the outcome of the state council's decision and an nvestigation by the Moroccan authorities.

Famine and war kill in silence in Sudan

By Pauline Jelinek The Associated Press

KONGOR, Sudan - Flying kilometres and kilometres the first thing you notice is that there are no cows.

And then at a dirt airstrip. where the starving gather near an arriving relief plane. there are few men.

And almost no babies. The currents of the White Nile River and Sudan's bloody politics have swept much of the life from this area 400 kilometres north of the Kenyan border.

They brought 10 years of war, months of flooding, two failed crops — and famine and disease.

But people here have suffered quietly.

While international attention and aid have rescued some of the starving of neighbouring Somalia and Ethiopia. Kongor and many other areas in war-torn southern Sudan have heen offlimits to relief workers.

There are areas which are tragic," said Rob Hadley, 30, a British spokesman for the United Nations, "When we find them we can do something about it. If we can't get in, we don't know what we're going to find."

Late last year, the United Nations won agreement from warring rebels and the government to permit relief workers into more areas in

That brought a relief flight into Kongor in December for the first time in more than a

To the airstrip eight kilometres out of town came emaciated, weakened and rag-clothed Dinka, members of a herding tribe whose livelihood, society and religion are grounded in their crops and highly prized

Food was airlifted in several times in January. And as word spread, more needy have arrived to meet each

flight.
"We used to eat the leaf of the thorn tree," said Martha Ajok who lost three of her nine children to starvation and disease. She was one of more than 400 people who walked from nearby mud huts to meet a recent flight. "But now the leaves are eaten up and there are just thorns.

'We ate water lilies when it was raining," said her neighbour. Mary Achol. "But now the rains are finished and the lilies are hard to find."

On her shoulders, Ms. Achol carried her son Gabriel, a dazed child of 10 no bigger than an average boy of five. His ribs showed through thin flesh. His arms and legs were only as big as the grip of a baschall bat. His gums were bloody sores. His eyelids, barely open, were covered

with flies. Some people had swollen bellies. Many had sores on their heads, hands or feet, which relief workers said were scabies. Others com-

plained of rashes, fever and malaria. They had no medi-

> Sudan has been rent since 1983 by civil war.

> rebels against the govern-ment in the north for more autonomy and a greater share of the country's wealth for (he south.

But in 1992 the rebel movement split into two factions, each still opposed to the government in Khartoum, but now engaged in killing each other. Hundreds of thousands of

civilians have died from the fighting and famine in southern Sudan and many more are displaced. Both the goverrment and the rebels have used food as a weapon, keeping it for their own or keeping it out of the hands of their

Mr. Hadley, the U.N. spokesman, said the recent agreement by rebels and the government to open up new areas for humanitarian aid shipments will belp, if they

hold to their promises But it's shaky. Rebels two weeks ago halted a barge carrying food to the south and stole its cargo of 2,400 tonnes, Mr. Hadley said.

In Kongor, natural disaster has added to the disasters of

Fed by a number of permanent and seasonal rivers and tributaries of the Nile, the surrounding land is swampy in some areas and dry in others. In the wet season the Dinka traditionally live away

from the flooding, where they can plant millet and other crops, and in the dry season they move to pasture land so their cattle can feed. But massive flooding in

early 1991 prevented planting and destroyed what would have been two subsequent Later that year, the rebels split into two factions, divid-

ing more or less along tribal lines between the Dinka and the Nuer tribe. In the fighting, many Dinka were killed, their cat-

tle stolen or killed and their villages ransacked or abandoned. "We have no seeds to plant

again," said Ms. Achol. "The (rebels) took them and burned some and threw others in the water. "And they took our cattle

to make us suffer. Aid officials estimate that the local population has dwindled to 30,000 from two or three times that many be-

fore the war. "Our husbands have died because of the problems - or they ran away." Ms. Ajok said. "They left us with the kids.

The kids, as a result, have no food. They have just died, one after the other," she

The group of more than 400 who greeted the recent relief plane was comprised of women, teenage boys and girls and dozens and dozens of children - but only three or four babies or toddlers. And there were only a few



A Sudanese refugee prepares food in front of her tent in a refuge camp in Juba, 1,200 kilometres from Khartouna (AFP photo)

dozen men. Kongor area once was an agricultural centre where about 140,000 head of livestock grazed and were traded, aid workers said. Not a single animal was seen by journalists accompanying the recent

Ever since the war started

we bave been just depending on pure relief," said Maluin Deng who has been caring for his seven children since his first wife died and second fled to another town.

"Whenever a plane comes in, that's what we've got," he said.

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bordanian delegates meet zerbaijan president

(U (Petra) — On the third of a tour of newly indepen-Islamic republics of the for-Soviet Union, the Jordanian gation Saturday met with rbaijan President Abdulfez

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ead of the Jordanian delega-prince Ra'd Ben Zeid delia message from His Majesing Hussein on establishing teral relations and future geration in all fields.

made to create a joint comtee to organise and normalise flow of trade between the two ntries and initiate economic Uzbekistan

President Elchibey also voiced his country's total support for Jordan's stand vis-a-vis the Palestine question, demanding the full implementation of U.N. Security

from Bishkek, capital of Kyrgyz-stan, where they held similar

sign an agreement on the establishment of diplomatic relations with Azerbaijan and issue a joint communique summing up the mi-nutes of their talks before flying Sunday to Tashkenl capital of

1edical education meetings

resenting 14 medical institu-is in 10 Near Eastern countries hered at the Jordan University Science and Technology IST) for a two-day symposium

ns Children's Fund (UN-F), the World Health Orgaition (WHO) and JUST, the posium will discuss various dical schools curricula and ans of overcoming the prob-is that impede their develop-

INICEF Regional Director North Africa and the Middle it Edward Lannert told the ming session that UNICEF dedicating its efforts towards ologenoing infant mortality rates. or, Lannert said UNICEF was

nning to implement programs designed to provide health tection to mothers and chilCouncil Resolutions 242 and 338 The delegation arrived in Baku

The delegation is expected to

e ocus on school curricula MAN (J.T.) — Delegates .dren.

He underlined the importance of educating women as a means of reducing infant mortality, adding that simple prevention methods could be adopted to save medical education. mothers and infants from disorganised by the United Na-

The meeting was opened by JUST President Kamel Ajlouni. Dr. Ajlouni said the two-day gathering offered an excellent opportunity for the delegates to exchange views and learn more about methods to protect human

Saad Hijazi of JUST and Ismat Izzat from Egypt each delivered speeches on the need to change medical education curricula in order to bring it in line with the

needs of society. The delegates will also review a set of studies by UNICEF on ways to protect the health of mothers and infants



and Mineral Resources Ali Abul Ragheb opens adicrafts exhibit in Amman, Saturday.

Handicraft exhibit opens o benefit blind women

nd Women in cooperation h Al Qimma Centre for Ders and Art Saturday organised exhibit entitled "Al Amal" to curage Jordanian industry.

The two-day exhibition, and by Minister of Energy i Mineral Resources Ali Abul gheb, includes tricot works, broidered dresses, knit-wear, ficial flowers, painted mirrors, tery and other handicrafts repenting Jordanian heritage and

'rocceds of the exhibition will Hotel.

4MAN (Petra) — The Nation-benefit the society which was Society for the Welfare of established in 1991 within the Ministry of Social Development, society Acting-Director Ali Al Bargawi said.

He said the society plans to establish kindergartens and schools for blind girls and train them on handicrafts that will

make them self-reliant. Mr. Barqawi said the society also plans to establish a braille library system and a data centre to serve all blind people in the

The exhibit is at the Amra

HOME NEWS IN BRIEF

bul Ragheb discusses energy with UNDP official

MMAN (Petra) - Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources Ji Abul Ragheb met Saturday with the resident representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Jordan, thman Hashem. Mr. Abul Ragheb and Mr. Hashem discussed ays of enhancing cooperation between the ministry and the nited Nations in energy-related fields.

I. Korean deputies meet speakers of Parliament

MMAN (Petra) - A North Korean parliamentary delegation d by Yang Hyong Sop Saturday voiced their country's support of the rights of the Palestinian people and demanded the plementation of U.N. Security Council Resolution 799 which quires the repatriation of the 416 Palestinian expellees. Mr. yong Sop met with the speakers of the Upper and Lower ses of Parliament and reviewed Jordanian North Korean lations and Middle East developments.

udiciary panel approves education draft law

MMAN (Petra) - The Judiciary Committee of the Lower ouse of Parliament approved Saturday the education draft law . Il was referred to it by the House Education Committee with veral amendments. In another development, the House Agri-Itural Committee will meet Sunday to discuss the 1973 griculture Law.

WHAT'S GOING ON EXHIBITIONS

Exhibition entitled "Modernist Still Life Photographed" at the American Centre.

Exhibition of watercolour paintings by Syrian artist Nazir Vab'a at Baladna Art Gallery.

Exhibition of paintings by the late Syrian artist Alfred Hatmal it Al Balga Art Gallery in Fuheis city.

ixhibition of paintings by four Arab artists from the United lates - Chada Jamai, Helen Khal, Suka Noursi and Afaf 'urayk --- at the Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation Gallery in abai Amman, between the First and Second Circles.

xhibition of photographs by Jean-Philippe Reverdet at the reach Cultural Centre.

xhibition of paintings by Iraqi artist Hayat Jamil Hafez at Alia rt Gallery.

Red Cross, Crescent to open regional office in Amman

By Elia Nasrallah Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies will open a regional office in Amman next month in implementation of an agreement signed with the Jordanian government in December 1992, according to Mohammad Hadid, President of the Jordanian National Red Crescent Society (JNRCS).

Suleiman Elghmary, head of the federation's North Africa and Middle East desk in Geneva, Saturday concluded five days of talks with Dr. Hadid and the JNRCS to prepare for the formal opening of the regional office by the beginning of March, Dr. Hadid said.

Mr. Elghmary who left Amman for Geneva Saturday was quoted as saying that the regional office will conduct operations to benefit all the countries of the region, but will place emphasis on

Iraq.
He said the office will organise relief supplies including food and drugs for the Iraqi people.

By year's end, the regional

office will also be supervising work in Iran and Afghanistan, plus the five newly independent Islamic republics of the former Soviet Union, Dr. Hadid added.

Dr. Hadid said the federation also plans to establish hospitals in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. He said Amman was chosen for the state of the regional office in view of the remarkable activities of the JNRCS, its geographic location, and facilities Jordan offers to international

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan is facing a serious problem in dis-

posing solid waste and is enlisting

the help of a specialised team

from Deumark, according to

Abdul Razzak Tubeishat, Minis-

ter of Muoicipal and Rural

Speaking after a meeting with

the team of specialists from the

Danish Ministry of Environment,

Dr. Tubeishat said the Danish

specialists will tour garbage dump sites in Zarqa, Mafraq, Irbid, Salt, Maan and Tafileh before

submitting a report on their find-

In their tours, the specialists

will meet officials as well as

citizens and will make thorough

studies of the sites before con-

cluding an agreement with the ministry on bilateral cooperation

in environmental protection and

the disposal of solid waste, the

Jordan continues to face the

ings and a plan of action.

Affairs and the Environment.

Most Jordanian and Palestinian teachers keep their positions in Saudi Arabia

Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Despite the strain of political relations with Jordan, Saudi Arabia did not resort to dismissing Jordanian and Palestinian teachers working at Saudi schools except in cases where: individuals were found "incompetent" or involved in internal Saudi politics, diplomatic sources and observers said Saturday.

"There has been no significant drop in the number of Jordaniao and Palestinian teachers in Saudi Arabia in the wake of the Gulf crisis," said an Arab diplomatic source. "It was around 4,000 in July 1990 (immediately prior to the beginning of the Gulf crisis) and it remains around the same

figure today."
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education Thougan

Suspects in

admit guilt

crime was committed.

near Kufr Yuba on April 3, 1992

have been arrested, and they

have admitted to committing the

The two men, whose identities bave been withheld, were said to

live in caves and used to work in

The victim also was a construc-

ion worker and had befriended the two 'suspects, according to

Brigadier Qaisi. He said residents had com-

plained lately of thefts and rob-

beries, prompting the police to

suspect the two men living in the

The police placed the two men

under strict surveillance until

they were caught stealing, the brigadier said. Under interroga-

tin the suspects admitted to kill-

Brig. Qaisi said Masaad was

stabbed with a switch-blade when

the two men tried to rob him.

Abdul Razzak Tubeishat

local councils with specially-

equipped garbage trucks, Dr.

Following the meeting, the

They talked with Ruseifa

Danish team visited the garbage

Mayor Mousa Al Saad who told

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Tubeishat added.

problem of transporting solid ing increased public concern be-

waste which pollutes the environ- cause of its foul-smelling emis-

ment, and plans to provide the sions, especially in summer.

ing Masaad, be said.

Danish specialists check

Jordan's dumping sites

construction.

Irbid murder

Hindawi appeared to agree with

"We haven't heard anything to indicate there was a change in the status of Jordanian teachers in Saudi Arabia at any point," told the Jordan Times. The comments came in re-

sponse to reports in Londonbased Arabic-language papers that King Fahd of Saudi Arabia had issued a decree "reinstating" 458 Palestinian and Jordanian teachers whose contracts "where terminated" by the Saudi Ministry of Education after "mediation" by Emir Salman Ben Abdul Aziz, the king's brother and emir of Riyadh.

The reports suggested that the decree came after a senior Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) official offered a public "apology" to Saudi Arabia for

the seemingly pro-Iraqi position adopted by the PLO in the Gulf crisis

Political ties between Saudi Arabia and Jordan were also strained in the wake of the August 1990 Iraqi invasion of Kuwait after Amman rejected the military option to reverse the Iraqi move into the emirate and called for a solution to the crisis within the Arab context.

But, according to the diploma-tic source, the Saudi authorities had kept such considerations out of their decisions to renew or terminate contracts of Jordanian and Palestinian teachers.

Hiring of Jordanian and Palestinian teachers to work at Saudi institutions was an area which was notably keps out of politics," said the source.

appeared off and on suggesting that the Saudi government, as well as private sector employers,

Observers said there were a enough to indicate a concerted Saudi policy to dramatically reand Palestinian expatriates in the

working in Saudi Arabia without any problems "outside the nor- lent. mal circumstances and conditions tracts as applicable to any other expatriate living in Saudi Ara-

Similarly, "entering contracts with teachers or renewing them depends entirely on the needs of was not renewing the contracts of Saudi schools; annual renewals of Jordanian and Palestinian ex- contracts are mostly automatic except in cases where the concerned individual is found not up few cases of such terminations in to the required professional stanthe past two years, but not dards or involved himself in the internal affairs of Saudi Arabia.

Only a dozen or so cases of duce the number of Jordanian Jordanian and Palestinian teachers being dismissed after they "interfered in Saudi affairs" According to the diplomatic were reported in the last several source, there are over 300.000 years, said the source. "Contracts Jordanians and Palestinians of a few others were terminated since they were found incompe-

"If those who lost their jobs as attached to employment con- a result of such decision opt to paint their cases as political, there is nothing anyone can do about

Poor quality delays textbooks — ministry

AMMAN (Petra) - Several fac- elementary level, and decided tors, including unsuitable texts, tardy printers and author- Hiyasat said. cancelled contracts contributed to the delay in distributing text-AMMAN (J.T.) — Irbid police have apprehended two suspects books at the start of the school year, said a Ministry of Education

in the murder of a guest worker statement Saturday.

Director of the Ministry's Curmore than 10 months after the ricula Department Ahmad Brigadier Hashem Al Qaisi. Hiyasat said the ministry had director of the Irbid Police Decontracted a number of authors partment, told a press conference from the University of Jordan, that the two male suspects in the the Jordan Academy of Arabic slaying of Shaker Ayad Masaad, and Yarmouk University long be-fore the start of the school year whose body was found on a farm

But when the textbooks were submitted, the ministry's Educational Council found them to be unsuitable, especially in the they should be changed, Dr.

He said, in addition, some authors cancelled their contracts and printing presses were late in delivering a number of the new

The delays effected mainly science and social studies textbooks.

Dr. Hiyasat explained that the Educational Council, normally puts new school textbooks through a two-year trial period 10 determine whether or not they

satisfy the needs of the students. Sbould they prove suitable, they are adopted, otherwise, they are amended or replaced, he said.

The Ministry of Education is currently overhauling the nation's Bank, the Jordanian government educational system.

The introduction of new textbooks, upgrading the qualifications and proficiencies of teachers and building new schools complete with appropriate educational facilities are part of the overhaul process, according to Dr.

Director of the Narional Centre for Educational Research and Development Victor Billeh, said the ministry is attempting to replace those books which are dutt and do not stimulate creativity

and initiative in the students. The new books are intended to present the subject in an attractive manner, he added.

Dr. Billeh said the World and Japan co-financed the first stage of the overhauling process

The next stage, from 1994-1997, will witness the introduction of new curricula for the secondary school level, including new textbooks and amendments to the examination system in the country, Dr. Billeh said.

He said there are also plans to establish more schools to help the ministry dispose of the two-shift

Dr. Billeh said, the ministry plans to announce tenders for the construction of 150 schools before the end of 1993.

Two new free zones to boost trade

AMMAN (J.T.) - Two new free zones will be created in Jordan before the year's end in order to boost trade and earn the country additional hard currency, according to Director of the Jordanian Free Zones Corporation (JFZC)

Mr. Qudah was quoted by Agence France Presse (AFP) as saying that the country has two free zones, one at Zarqa established in 1983 and another at the

Last year the free zones earned cent increase of over the previous year, Mr. Qudah said.

He added that goods weighing 1.05 million tonnes were brought into the free zones in 1992; a 34 per cent, increase over last year.

established businesses in the two zones last year, and aboot 650 more are expected this year since there are increased indications that the sanctions against Iraq would soon end.

again pass through Jordan, Mr. Qudah added.

many as 300 trucks used to commute daily between Jordan and Iraq, transporting goods to Iraqi markets from Agaba. Today only 70 to 80 trucks make the same journey, Mr. Qudah said.

(OAIA).

Falah Al Qudah.

port of Aqaba established in 1973.

He said 226 new investors

After the sanctions on Iraq are lifted the bulk of Iraq's trade will

He said before the sanctions, as

The two new free zones will he located at Sahab Industrial City, southeast of Amman and at Queen Alia International Airport

Nature's perfect balance explodes By Ica Wahbeh

Jordan Times Staff Reporter AMMAN - Heralding the spring we are eagerly awaiting, the paintings of Iraqi artist Hayat Jamil Hafez offer a glimpse of the blessed season, of nature exploding in splashes of dazzling col-

The water colours, of small and medium size, reveal a mastery of technique that is difficult to

The lines flow easily, meeting

and parting, always in tender caress, never jarring the eye of the aesthete. The painter competes with nature in the choice of the chroma:

from dark purples to satin ivory no shade was omitted. Trees seem to fascinate the som or rusty-leaved, to groves and forests celebrating various

seasons, the trees from a big part of Ms. Hafez's works.

of birth, the paim tree is almost crops.

4-4: Control and scan at the place the system is in.

Princess Nafa'a Bint Ali and Hayat Jamil Hafez tour the Iraqi artist's exhibition of paintings at Alia Art Gallery omnipresent, as are the dates the

palms teem with. The luxuriant vegetation is allincluding. Flowers, whether wild and passionately coloured or landscaped or sensibly arranged in vases, could easily be a botan- her work.

ist's guide. All in Ms. Hafez's works is artist; from single ones in blos- about communion with nature, about the overpowering influence it has on our life.

Human presence is represented balance. in its most basic acts: picking And as testimony of her place fruit, milking a cow, reaping

And not to antagonise in any way the fecund nature she so exuberantly depicts, the artist has only women present in her canvases, to complement and enhance the fertility exuding from

The feeling of serenity descending upon the viewer is complete, the artist has accomplished a delicate mission: atuning man's chaotic life to nature's perfect

The exhibition, inaugurated on Feb. 10 at Alia Art Gallery, is running till Feb. 19, 1993.

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Kabul forces

released the hill for military reasons," Hezb-e-Islami commander Zalmi told Reuters by

telephone. He said 13 government soldiers and two Hezb-e-Islami fighters were killed in Friday's battle for the government-held hill. Hezbe-Islami captured tanks and heavy weapons, he said.
It was unclear side held the hill

Saturday. Many of the rockets, fired at intervals of just one minute, appeared to miss their military targets and ploughed into residential areas of the old city at the foot of the hill, causing many

casualties, hospitals said. The Jahmuriat Hospital in the city centre admitted 21 injured and three dead in the morning. Five rockets slammed into the compound of the presidential palace, killing one man who was almost sliced in half by shrapnel. Palace guards shouted to a repor-

screamed overhead. Terrified residents were escaping parts of the city coming under fire to take refuge in safer dis-

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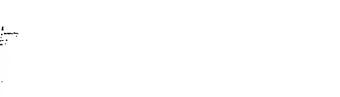
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IN ADDITION to constituting a striking departure from the established jurisprudence of the U.N., the Security Council's declaration Friday endorsing the Israeli-U.S. compromise formula on the Palestinian evictees reeks of double standards and hypocrisy. According to the new interpretation, the Israeli-U.S. formula to defuse the crisis over the expulsions suggests that Israel's acceptance to return one fourth of the expellees is tantamount to implementation of U.N. Security Council resolution 799. But this declaration runs counter to the Council's own position on Iraq, which, till this point in time, has been accused of non-compliance with U.N. resolutions even though Baghdad might have implemented well over 90 per cent of measures adopted against it in the aftermath of the Gulf war.

Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tareq Aziz alluded to this irony in a television interview Friday in which he called for a response from the international community that is at least commensurate with the degree of Iraq's compliance with the Security Council's decisions. Against the backdrop of Friday's declaration on Israel's partial response to Resolution 799, however. Baghdad has every reason to ask for a quid pro quo from the international organisation on the basis of the new rationale elucidated two days ago.

Of course the field could be wide open for making all sorts of distinctions between the Iraqi and Israeli situations. Yet the fact of the matter is that both conflicts present basically the same principles and issues. The central issue is the need for adopting and enforcing one standard in implementing all U.N. resolutions by either rejecting all partial observance of binding decisions or welcoming their phased execu-

The U.N. cannot, under any pretense or circumstance, tolerate piecemeal implementation of its verdicts in one conflict and refuse it in another. This is the crux of the new problem that arose with the latest declaration of the Security Council, and it is up to those who pushed for adopting it to bear special responsibility for the new threat to the credibility of the international organisation. The U.S. government in particular has some thinking to do since it had actively brokered the Israeli compromise deal and stood solidly behind the controversial declaration that ensued. Maybe Warren Christopher will be able to tell us more about his administration's line of thinking on this and other issues when he arrives in the region later this month.

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

AL RA''I daily Saturday launched a strong attack on the U.S.-Israeli alliance for the atrocities being committed by the Israeli authorities against the Palestinians in the occupied lands. Following the criminal actions committed by the Israelis in deporting 416 Palestinians to southern Lebanon, the Israelis yesterday blew up 50 Arab humes in the Gaza Strip, noted the daily. Such crimes, could not have taken place had the Security Council been firm about the implementation of its Resolution 799 and had there not been American support for the Israeli practices, the paper continued. Washington's determination to prevent any sanctions to be imposed on Israel for defying the world community, has no doubt encouraged the Israelis to pursue their brutal crimes in the Arab lands, said the paper. It said the U.S. administration cannot absolve itself from the responsibility of being accomplice to these inhuman actions against the Palestinians and can by no means be ignorant of the current escalation of repressive acts exercised by the occupation forces. Indeed, such practices must have been well-prepared by the U.S.-Israeli alliance in order to drive the Palestinians to desperation and refuse to participate in the peace process, said the daily. Such organised crime committed by Israel with encouragement from the U.S. administration can by no means be justified in any way, it added. These practices, it said, can only reflect very negatively on the U.S. administration which condones mass murders of the Palestinian people.

A COLUMNIST in Al Dustour drew attention to what he called a strange behaviour on the part of the world community. The world community adopts double standard vis-a-vis world events and issues and tries to keep a closed eye on the atrocities committed by the Israelis, said Muhammad Kawash. Citing a statement by the Pope, who called on the Sudanese government to end what the Vatican called religious persecution of Christians in southern Sudan, the writer said that the Pope is saying nothing about the Muslim and Christian communities facing persecution under the Israeli occupation. Coinciding with the Pope's appeal to Sudan, the New York Times published a report about an Israeli court ruling banning Jews who believe in Christ from living in Israel, said the writer. The Israeli practices come at the height of an Israeli brutal campaign against the Palestinian people, in the wake of the deportation of 416 Palestinians to southern Lebanon, he continued. Why, the writer asked, is the world silent about the Israeli atrocities and why does not the Pope lead a campaign to condemn the Israeli racist and ethnic behaviour against the Palestinian Christians, the Muslims and the Jews who believe in Christ? The writer also pointed out that Israel, which brag about ensuring religious freedom, has recently closed seven mosques in the occupied Arub territories. The United States, the writer said. seems to be present in all matters and in every turn of event, but is following a double standard policy in political, religious and in all

Sunday's Economic Pulse

Sales tax should be approved

It is only natural that every tax has its costs and benefits. However, the sales tax now under consideration should not be judged solely on its direct merits, in isolation of the specific circumstances of Jordan's economic situation.

The sales tax, in our case, is an integral part of the ecocomic adjustment programme, which Jordan adopted in the last quarter of 1991. Killing the tax law is a blow against the programme as agreed upon with the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

Therefore, before trying to evaluate the costs and benefits of the draft law, a central question must be answered: Are we willing to go ahead with the programme and reap its fruits or to abandon the programme with all the disastrous consequences that will

The programme has been, thus far, a wonderful success. The Jordanian economy exceeded most of the targets set in the programme and proved once more its vitality. Decisions can be made in Jordan and carried out more efficiently than the IMF experts thought or hoped. Financial self-sufficiency became a feasible target around the corner. Would we sacrifice all this because certain segments of the business community are afraid that the sales tax may take from them more than the consumption

The other question is whether the Jordanian economy can withstand the serious consequences of the cancellation or failure of the programme, such as a refusal by the Paris Club to go on rescheduling our debts over 20 years with 10 years grace, and the possible loss of all foreign aid from the industrial countries and the international institutions and funds, which is flowing now in the form of grants and soft loans.

Those are not side issues that we can worry about in the future. They are crucial questions that the future of the Jordanian economy depends upon, for years to come. Can we do without rescheduling and fresh assistance? Can we afford to watch our reserves of foreign exchange melt down in a matter of months? Are we ready to sacrifice the present stability of the exchange rate, to relinquish the atmosphere of public confidence and go back to the precarious climate of 1988/1989?

Some populist commentators, light politicians, and fervent deputies may say "yes, to hell with the programme". But such a blunder can be committed only out of sheer ignorance, indifference towards Jordan and its future, rejection of the very notion of economic reform or willful desire to keep Jordan economically

don't claim that the sales tax is a magic solution to all our ills,

but I do believe that the tax is reasonable and tolerable in view of

the following facts:

- The tax is neutral. It will replace the consumption tax and will not increase the proceeds to raise the overall tax burden. - The sales tax will be applicable to more commodities than the consumption tax. This means that the burden will be distributed among more commodities and certain services, which is more just and equitable. The consumer will not be hurt as long as the tax is neutral. The cost of some commodities and services may rise, but the cost of others will decline. In a competitive market importers and producers will not be able to carry the whole tax forward to the consumer. The cost of living index is not expected to exceed 4.5 per cent in 1993 despite the imposition of sales tax and the reduction of some subsidies. We used to live with a double digit inflation rate, we definitely can live with a lower

— The basic food commodities and the necessities of babies and

students will be zero rated, i.e. tax exempt.

Wednesday our depoties will debate the issue. They are urged to take a responsible stand. The Parliament has already given its blessing to the adjustment programme, it should stand by its word and say yes to self-sufficiency and financial independence in five years, and approve the draft law.

Surge in killings of Palestinians by Israelis

By Robert Mahoney Reuter

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM Israel's Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has rekindled the Palestinian uprising — as well as digging himself into a diplomatic hole by deporting 415 alleged Muslim

The army's initial heavyhanded response to the torrent of protests that greeted the prime minister's December 17 expulsions has set off a cycle of violence not seen since the early days of the five-year-old Arab revolt or

Israeli left-wing members of parliament and Palestinians accuse soldiers of having itchy trigger fingers when confronting stone-throwing Palestinian youths, a charge the army denies.

But casualty figures compiled by Israeli. Palestinian and foreign sources all point to a sharp innians, particularly children, killed or injured by live ammunition.

According to a Reuter count, Israelis have shot dead 41 Arabs in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip in the 55 days since Mr. Rabin drove the Muslims into the snows of south Lebanon amid worldwide condemnation after militants killed five Israeli sol-

The greatest bloodshed has been in the teeming refugee camps of the Gaza Strip.

In the first five weeks of this year troops shot dead 19 Gazans and wounded 770. United Nations officials said. In the same period last year they wounded

370 and killed just one.

recently have been shot in the upper half of the body by live ammunition," one U.N. official

Besides standard and high velocity bullets the army also fires plastic bullets and rubber-coated metal bullets, both of which can puncture the body.

The army used to shoot more in the air or at legs. Now they take aim and shoot in the chest. said the official, who asked not to

be identified. Left-wing members of Mr. Rabin's coalition government have levelled similar charges but the hardline former general says open-fire regulations have not been changed.

Standing orders require soldiers to shout a warning or fire a life-threatening situations."

70 and killed just one. warning shot in the air before aiming for the legs to disperse demonstrators, Soldiers can fire to defend themselves if they believe their lives are in danger.

> There has been no change in this policy under Rabin." a senior security source insisted. He attributed the rise in deaths to an increase in protests and attacks in the occupied territories by Palestimans opposed to Middle East peace talks which Mr. Rabin vowed to accelerate on taking office last June.

B'tselem, the Israeli watchdog for human rights in the territories, disagrees, It says some soldiers do not always follow regula-

We are at a loss why the army is shooting more civilians in non-

closer to the alliance they regard

as a bastion of stability on an

increasingly troubled continent.

The alliance agreed in Decem-ber to start planning with them

for joint peacekeeping operations in Europe, which would be run at

the request of the United Nations

or the Conference on Security

At a meeting in Brussets,

NATO allies agreed with eastern

European oations and former

Soviet republics to speed up the

process by completing initial

plans on training, command and

control and logistics for such op-

ment among the 38 countries involved in the "cooperation

council" that peacekeeping may

have to include options for com-

bat and that they could go beyond the traditional U.N. "blue hel-

NATO officials say this will

effectively extend the alliance's

security ambit beyond its borders

for the first time, despite the

absence of formal guarantees, by

posing the threat of deploying

heavily-armed troops ready to

NATO has been traditionally

limited to the defence of its mem-

ber states, but recently set a new

precedent by offering to enforce

the no-fly zone over Bosnia for

peacekeeping as we understood it

for years are probably over,"

Gen. Shalikashvili told Reuters.

"Prudence dictates that in our

The days of pristine

the United Nations.

met" style of operations.

But there is also broad agree-

erations by mid-year.

and Cooperation in Europe.

than 20 per cent under Mr. Rabin in 1988. He was reported to have prime minister.

Mr. Ginbar said the army shot 63 Palestinians from January to June last year, the final six months of the right-wing Likud party on Monday, Mr. Rabin degovernment of Yitzhak Shamir, fended his troops -- They have They killed 76 Arabs in the first six months of Mr. Rabin's centreleft administration. The number of children killed jumped from six

B'tselem said there was no connection between the rise in ter monitoring the number of killings and an the territories. increase in Palestinian attacks on Israelis because most of those

killed were not armed. "You'd think that after five of parliament Ran Cohen. years we'd know how to handle demonstrations without shooting civilians," Mr. Ginbar said. "I

B'tselem official Yuval Ginbar every street corner." Mr. Rubin was defence ministold Reuters.

Mr. Rabin was defence manister io a coalition with Mr. Shamir

who is defence minister as well as told soldiers to "break the bones" of demonstrators to quash the nascent intifada. Asked about the upsurge in

> a feeling that they don't have all the tools. Far from believing the army is under-equipped, human rights activists and left-wing Meretz bloc cabinet ministers want stricter monitoring of its activity in

"We have asked for a monthly report to keep a check on what is happening," said Meretz member

"I am afraid there is a connection between the deportations and the escalation in shootings. hope we are not going to go back he said. "For soldiers in the s to the early days of the intifada occupied territories it has become when Rabin wanted to prove who easier for them to use their guns. was boss by shooting stone- The whole atmosphere is more throwers and putting soldiers on extreme."

LETTERS

Beneficial dust?

To the Editor:

read with interest a recent letter concerning the dangers to health and the worries of the inhabitants of Fuhais from the alleged effects of cement dust (A cry for help, Jordan Times, Feb.

I would say without hesitation that the statement the writer has made is quite erroneous.

Before retiring, six years ago, I worked in the cement industry in England for thirty four years in various capacities and finally for ten years as works manager of a large cement factory. Coming from a family where my parents and grandparents all

worked in the coal mining industry, where there is a positive danger from silicosis and pneumeconiosis, both killer diseases, I was most careful to make exhaustive enquiries on the effects of cement dust to health before joining the industry.

I was reassured by a surgeon specialising in lung problems that

cement dust was an inert material which passed straight through the system and did not stay in the body as does coal dust. Further factual proof of not being a harmful substance was the fact that back in those early days of forty years ago, traditionally most employees who worked in the factory lived within a three-kilometre radius of the factory and like the coal mining industry, father was followed by son.

Employees did not necessarily retire from work at sixty five

years of age if they wished to carry on working, and a number of them stayed on in light employment beyond seventy years of age. This was all at a time when pollution control had not become established. At that time the high level pollution, that is the dust emission from tall chimneys, did not have a harmful effect on garden produce other than being unsightly. Thorough washing was all that was required before using. Other vegetation such as rose bushes, shrubs and trees benefitted from this coating of fine dust. No diseases, such as black spot, were seen nor were pests, such as aphids. Excellent blooms were obtained as the fine dust acted as a light fertiliser. More recently, just before I retired, I produced dust in pelleted form from the process and was carrying out tests with a local fruit farmer on its effect around trees in one of his orchards. Over a two year period no harm was done and some beneficial effects were seen. This trial however has not been

followed up by the new general manager. I have now been in Amman for two months, working in an unpaid capacity for BESO, a British organisation which offers cialist advice of many different kinds to organisations throughout the world. I am currently working at the Cement Factory in Fuhais on a project which is not pollution control.

My views in this letter are being made to counter any fears which may have been raised by your correspondent and I can categorically say that during the whole time I worked in the cement industry I have not known of any serious illness caused by exposure to cement dust.

The only agreement I can make with your letter-writer is that it is a nuisance and every effort is made to control it and keep it within the prescribed limits as set in Europe.

At the time of my retiring the limits were 100 milligrammes per

cubic metre for existing plants and the possibility of reducing this figure to 50 milligrammes per cubic metre for any proposed new plants.

Currently, the figures at the Fuhais plant range between 50 and 100 milligrammes for high level emission, these figures being

obtained from tests made recently. Low-level pollution is a separate problem and is usually

confined within the factory boundaries. Problems from a few of these units are being dealt with so that

the general appearance of the factory area will be enhanced.

J.L. Ward, BESO volunteer. Amman.

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NATO moves relations with former enemies into higher gear

By Nicholas Doughty

BRUSSELS - NATO is moving its relations with former enemies in eastern Europe into a higher gear, accelerating plans for joint peacekeeping missions and quietly preparing to take on a selected

w as new members. NATO allies agreed with East European countries and former Soviet republics last month to finish initial plans for peacekeeping by the middle of the year. Altiance sources say discreer discussions have also begun within NATO on the possible admittance of countries such as Poland. the Czech Republic, Slovakia and

Both of these missions, they say, mean NATO is moving closer towards extending its security umbrella eastwards into parts of the new Europe that are most likely to see ethnic or nationalist unrest in coming years.

There is a real sea change in the thinking on what we should do with eastern Europe." said one source, who asked not to be identified. The changes are not dramatic yet, but they are clearly on the way. It's bubbling under the surface.

Officially, the 16-nation North Atlantic Treaty Organisation says taking on new members is not on the agenda but that it might be possible in the future.

In December Albania became the first former Warsaw Pact member to make a formal application, but it was quietly re-

Tirana was told instead to work council", set up just over a year

ago to create more formal ties between NATO and former Warsaw pact members.

Nevertheless. NATO Secretary-General Manfred Woemer recently named suitable countries for membership in a radio interview, the first time he has done so publicly.

They were, unsurprisingly, the countries elosest to NATO geographically and those expected in the West to survive the difficult process of democratic and economic reforms - Poland, Hungary and the former Czechoslovakia. Other countries worried about

instability, including Russia, have also said they would like to join NATO but officials say only a few new members can be taken on.

The reason is concern at

NATO that too many new memhers would weaken the alliance. which works by consensus and often has problems reaching agreements among its members. Too many newcomers could also dilute the security guarantee contained in its 1949 founding treaty which commits all allies to come to the defence of any single

"If we take on too many new countries that process would become much more difficult - and we could find ourselves getting involved in really far-flung-conflicts when we have no wish to do

so," said one NATO official.

None of the countries on the membership short-list will be admitted soon. Many of them would have trouble linking up with NATO's integrated military structure because their forces are through a 38-nation "cooperation armed largely with Soviet equip-

The alliance has previously NATO's former enemies can get argued that taking on new members would make others feel isolated and create tension, particularly with Russia, which is Europe's main military power.

NATO's top commander in Europe. U.S. General John Shalikashvili, touched on that concern during a visit to Moscow in January, saying it was not yet time to consider new members. 'NATO is not a closed orga-

nisation, but right now is not the time to address that issue," he said. "I think it would create tension...which far outweighs the good that might be created." But officials say there are signs of a change in attitude and a

recognition that NATO must

address security concerns more

directly if it is to survive into the 21st century. The United States. NATO's senior member, is particularly keen to push ahead although some other allies remain reinc-

"We want to make the 'cooperation council' we have set up more active and shape it as a kind of waiting room for membership, at least for some countries." said another official. Discussions within NATO are

now starting to focus on what conditions should be fulfilled for any new members. These could include the settlement of all border disputes, guarantees for minorities and full democratic control of the armed forces.

The alliance is considering stepping up military contacts with eastern Europe as a prelude to eventual discussions about mem-

But there is another way that

planning we take that aspect (of combat) into account." Reuter

them and bring them back to last night because of his being

block in the Middle East peace process and emphasised that the mmediate implementation of 11.N. Security Council Resolution 799 was the best way "to move this obstacle and regain the momentum of the peace process in an atmosphere of confidence."

Jordan saw little seriousness in the international scene to implement resolutions based on international legitimacy and to achieve a just and comprehensive peace in the Middle East, Sharif Zeid was quoted as saying.

Mr. Leaby. 52. a veteran Democrat senator from Vermont, heads the Senate subcommittee on American foreign assistance. He arrived here early Saturday.

Following Saturday's meeting. Mr. Leahy told Jordan Televi-

"I was in this region and wanted to come by and now that

and of His Majesty in the whole peace process.

Mr. Leahy said the U.S. was

and I made that statement to the Israeli officials that I have met with. I also take the same position as the administration in

But I hope that problem can be worked out. The peace process is far too important to let it get sidetracked.. It is too important to the Arab World. It is very important to Israel. It is very important to the U.S.

Hariri: No separate peace accord

The U.N. Security Council demanded in 1978 that Israel withdraw from Lebanese land it controlled after a three-month invasion that year. Lebanon maintains the measure also applies to the "security" belt Israel carved from southern Lebanon in 1985 after its second invasion and three-year-long occupation of parts of Lebanon

Mr. Hariri said his talks with Mr. Mubarak included the crisis sparked by Israel's Dec. 17 expulsion of over 400 Palestinians and its effect on moves towards

He would not comment on the Security Council's acceptance of an Israeli offer to repatriate 101

Expellees bury (Costinued from page 1)

by the end of the year was a step

in the right direction.
It reaffirmed Security Council Resolution 799, demanding the evictees' immediate return, and stressed the need for it to be implemented "as soon as possi-

"We reject this declaration totally because it is an attempt to get around Security Council Resolution 799," Dr. Rantisi told reporters at the rain-soaked tent camp, "Our fixed position is the implementation to the letter of Resolution 799."

He described the declaration as "a desperate attempt to smooth the way for Christopher's visit to the Middle East so that this visit may bear fruit in convincing the Arab states in sitting at the nego-

tiations table." Palestinian negotiators have announced they will not return to the talks until all the expellees are teturned.

Dr. Rantisi said the formula was an attempt to get around an earlier recommendation by U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Ghali for the Security Council to take all necessary measures to imple-ment Resolution 799.

Kussia

(Continued from page 1) to the war, particularly destroying all weapons of mass des-

truction and stopping alleged persecution of minorities. "Russia's position is firm vis-a-

vis Iraq," Mr. Melekhov told reporters. "Russia believes that the situation requires that Iraq comply with all Security Council

Russian President Boris Yeltsin has supported the sanctions but is under pressure from hardliners who say he is too appeasing to the West.

Russia called last month for a U.N. review of zir strikes enforcing "no-fly" zones over northern and southern Iraq when U.S. cruise missiles destroyed a factory near Baghdad and bit a downtown hotel. Washington elaimed the factory was part of Iraq's programme to develop nuclear weapons.

Secretary (of State Warren) Christopher is coming in a short while I wanted to have the assessment of the prime minister

"The United States has been heavily involved in the peace process, and Jordan has been heavily involved, and I wanted to get their frank assessment of where the peace process is going

opposed to expulsions. "I was in Israel early this week

opposition to it," he said.

men as a first step towards bringing them all home. "I cannot tell

you our position without studying the proposal," Mr. Hariri said. Mr. Hariri's three-day visit was part of a flurry of diplomatic activity by Arab leaders who want to reach a concerted position before Mr. Christopher's first visit to the region next week. Syria, Lebanon, Egypt and the Palestinians are pinning high

hopes on the visit.
Mr. Hariri also met Egyptian
Prime Minister Atef Sedki. He came from a meeting in Damascus with Syrian President Hafez

(FBI) and Lufthansa.

Ferah Siyad Shuriye, 31, was misidentified for several hours broken English and in Norwegian Thursday by the FBI and the through an interpreter, said he German interior ministry as the gunman who commandeered Lufthansa Flight 592 with 104 people aboard. The Airbus destined for Egypt and Ethiopia was er's name. taken on a 10-hour, 8,960kilometre odyssey that began in Frankfurt and ended peacefully

Airport in New York Thursday. The bijacker was later identified as Nebiu Zewolde Demeke. an Ethiopian living in Morocco. Mr. Demeke has asked for asylum in the United States, but faces charges of air piracy, said James M. Fox, head of the FBI's

New York office. But until the mistake was cleared up, Mr. Shuriye was identified as the hijacker in interna-

tional news reports. A day after the hijacking, Mr. Shuriye sat over scrambled eggs and coffee at an airport hotel and described his emotional ordeal over the mixup. He complained that the FBI had ignored his plea for a public apology and an ex-

me a bad name. How am I ever going to recover from this?" Mr. Shuriye asked.

Mr. Shuriye, a soft-spoken. mild-mannered man, said he first discovered that he had been identified as the hijacker shortly after getting off the plane and calling

"Are you mad?" his friends up in New York. asked him. "What have you fugee from Somalia who holds a Norwegian passport. He has been

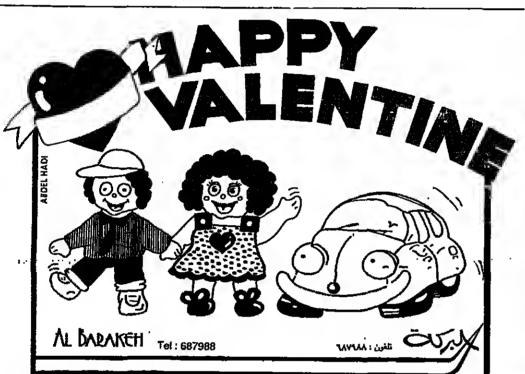
counted. Mr. Shuriye, who spoke immediately went up to an FBI agent at the airport, told him

clarified the mistake, they said, 'sorry we can't help you' He said he had not decided yet whether to file a lawsuit against

a public apology.

In Germany, interior minister spokesman Knland Bachmeier said Mr. Shuriye was initially suspected as the hijacker because "I'm overwhelmed. My name the Lufthansa office in Oslo had was all over the world. They gave received an anonymous call from a woman after the hijacking.

The wnman hung up williout to tip them on the hijacker's identity, Mr. Bachmeier said.



Somali demands apology for being misidentified as Lufthansa hijacker

Mr. Shuriye is a political re-

way, since the spring of 1991

when he fled the civil war in his

NEW YORK (AP) — The Soma-li passenger wrongly identified as the hijacker of a German airliner asked him. "What have to New York has demanded a done? You're the hijacker. It's all public apology Friday from the over the news, your picture and Federal Bureau of Investigations your name," Mr. Shuriye re-

about the conversation with his friends and asked for the hijack-

"And the FBI said that's the name we've released. ... l told them I wanted them to clear up the mistake. I was told, 'we can't at John F. Kennedy International do anything to help you'."
"I asked them later if they

> U.S. authorities for the case of mistaken identity.

Joe Valiquette, a spokesman for the FBI in New York, said Mr. Shuriye's "name was given to us by authorities in Europe. We were acting on that presumption until we talked to him (the real hijacker)." He declined to comment on Mr. Shuriye's request for

saying he was no the flight.

saying anything else, causing nfficials to believe she had attempted The mixup was not cleared up until Mr. Demeke gave himself living and studying in Kristian- and three young sons, and was on sand, on the southern tip of Not-

homeland. He left behind his wife Norway when the hijacking identified as the hijacker.

his way to Somalia to try to find



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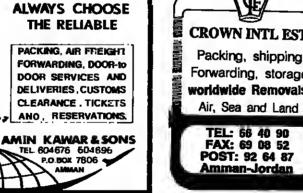
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Prime Minister Belaid Abdul Salam said Thursday that security forces had arrested 3,500 people in the past year in the crackdown on violence. He offered a partial amnesty to Muslim fundamentalists who surrendered and helped the security forces, saying their sentences would be reduced.

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Those who had been involved with the movement but had not spilled blood would not be prosecuted, he said.





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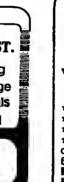
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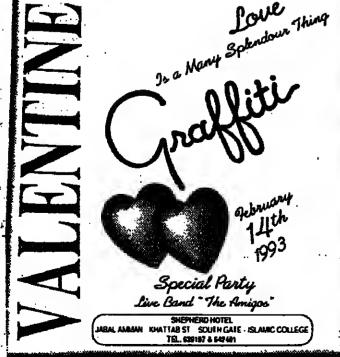
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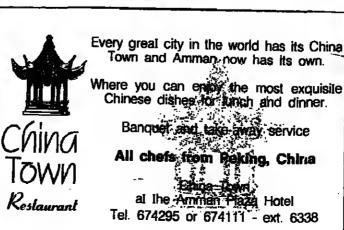
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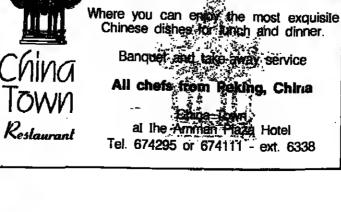


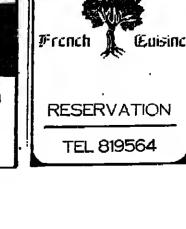














Fais li play Egypt's amaili today

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Jordan's Al Faisali Sunday play Egypt's Al Ismaili in the final match of the first round of the 8th Arab Soccer League Champions Degrament being held in Doha, Qatar. Regardless of the result of the match, both Al Faisali and al

tsmaili have savered their places for the semifinal round after they bent the United Arab Emirates' (UAE) At Shabab 7-2 and 3-1

Qualifying trams from the second group have not been determined ver as Tunisia's Al Taraji and Saudi Arabia's Al Shabab are the with 3 points each in the overall standings. Al Taraji: that or draw in their match with Al Shabab will secure their qualification to the semifinal round. Al Shabab's chance of quantiting are more complicated however. In addition to defeating 4.1 Paraji, they will hope that Al Arabi do not score

anon; then three goals against Al Quds.

Evidently: but will depend on the result of the second match between Cattath Al Arabi and Al Quds of Palestine. If Al Taraji quality, Al Arm's chances of moving to the semifinals will depend on which in their match against Al Ques by a minimum of

The semifined matches will be played Tuesday Feb. 16.

"SECRETS NEWS IN BRIEF

Princess Heya in Oman equestrian tourney

AMMAN (J.T.) - Her Royal Highness Princess Haya Bint Al Hussein will had Jordan's equestrian national team in the international equestrian tournament held in Oman Feb. 14-16. Also taking part are Bahrain, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Oman. Hani pishing and Ra'rd Naser are also part of the Jordan's team.

tik.. way * Aamodt wins men's slaiom

SHIZUKUISHI, Japan (AP) — As far as Kjetil Andre Aamodt is concerned, this area battered by wind, rain and snow the last two weeks is as warm and bright as the French Riviera in June. That's to be expected from an individual who has made the World Alpine Ski Championships into his own private playground, while the men's statom title Saturday to the giant statom crown in the week and the silver medal he collected in the

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when this hand cropped up. Everyone was amazed at how skillfully Tommy handled the auction. In effect, Tommy had opened with a strong two-heart bid and, after West raised, started a cue-bidding sequence. When North showed first-round diamond control, Tom-my tried the Grand Slam Force, ask-ing partner to bid seven hearts with o of the three top trumps. North could not oblige.

Declarer wou the opening club lead and got matters off to a good start by leading a trump to the king. West's club discard brought out the best in Tommy. He ruffed a club, cashed the three top spades and crossed to the jack of diamonds to ruff another club. The king and ace of diamonds were cashed, setting the scene for the final denoment.

Declarer led a club from dummy and, down to only three trumms.

and, down to only three trumps, East had to tuff. Tommy under-refield New East was forced to lead away from the queen of trumpe into declarer's combined ace-jack tenace.

Knicks beat Bulls 104-98 as Jordan suspended

CHICAGO (R) — Patrick Ewing Laettner scored 22 points and scored 12 of his game-high 36 Chuck Person added 18 as the points in the fourth quarter Friday to lead the New York Knicks lo a 104-98 victory over the Chicago Bulls.

Chicago's Michael Jordan did not play because he had been fined \$10,000 and suspended earlier in the day for his part in a fight with Indiana's Reggie Miller Wednesday night.

The Knicks, who won at Chicago for the first time since March 6th, 1987, also got 21 points from

The Bulls, who had their fivegame winning streak snapped, were led by Scottie Pippen's season-high 35 points. In Detroit, former Net Terry

Mills scored 22 points and Isiah Thomas had 21 points and 14 assists as the Detroit Pistons defeated New Jersey Nets. 106-97. Kenny Anderson scored 24 points for the Nets, who had their

winning streak snapped at three. Detroit stopped its losing streak at five and won for only the third time in 14 games. Detroit took the lead for good three minutes, 59 seconds into the game and held a 60-50 halftime

Melvin Newbern scored a career-high 20 points for the Pis-

Drazen Petrovic scored 20 points for New Jersey,

In Miami, Larry Johnson scored 30 points and Charlotte outscored Miami, 30-17, in the decisive fourth quarter as the streaking Hornets rallied to beat the Heat, 116-107.

The Hornets trailed, 90-86, after three quarters but went on a furious fourth-quarter rally to win for the sixth time in their last seven games.

Alonzo Mourning chipped in with 22 points for the Hornets and Muggsy Bogues and Kendall Gill each added 20.

Glen Rice's 21 points led

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - Ghaith Bilbeisi

won the first auto sports event

of the season when he captured the first place in the Glassfix

Autotest organised Friday by

the Royal Automobile Club of

Belbeisi, in a Toyota Starlet,

won the autotest with a time of

2 minutes 0.36 seconds. Zeid

Bilbeisi, also driving a Toyota

Starlet, came in second with a

time of 2 minutes 0.99 seconds.

while Bashar Bustami, driving a Ford Feista XR2 i finished

third with a time of 2 minutes

Thirty-nine competitors

took part in the actotest which

featured two laps of the route

with a standing and a flying

finish. There were five non-

starters, including the only

HE DID WHAT?

Jordan (RACJ).

1.49 seconds.

Peanuts

Minnesota Timberwolves held on to defeat the Indiana Pacers, 102-100.

The Timberwolves led as many 11 points at 92-81 with 5:39 left, but the Pacers went on a 13-3 run to move within 95-94 with 1:49 tto go but could get no Closer. Michael Williams scored five of

his 14 points in the final 1:39 for Indiana, which has lost five straight games after winning four

Reggie Miller, who was fined \$6,000 for his part in the fight with Jordan, led Indiana with 21 In Cleveland, John "hot rod." Williams scored 18 points and

Gerald Wilkins added 18 to lead the Cleveland Cavaliers to a 120-98 romp over the reeling Milwankee Bucks. The Cavaliers led, 83-70, after three quarters and opened the fourth quarter with a 13-6 run to

take an insurmountable 20-point lead at 96-76 with 6:39 remaining. Todd Day and Frank Brickowski each bad 17 points for Milwaukee, which has lost five straight games and six of its last

In Dallas, Alaa Abdelnaby scored 24 points off the bench and Reggie Lewis scored nine of his 22 points in the fourth quarter to lead the Boston Celtics to their fourth straight win, a 109-100 victory over the Dallas Maver-

Terry Davis had 21 points before leaving the game midway through the fourth quarter with back spasms to lead Dallas, which managed just 14 points in the second quarter.

The Mavericks, who have the worst record in the NBA at 4-42. have lost four straight and 12 of their last 13.

In Denver, Chris Jackson scored 23 of his 31 points in the second half to lead the streaking In Indianapolis, Christian Denver Nuggets to their ninth

Ghaith Bilbeisi wins

season's first autotest

female participant - Najwa Al

Six competitors had slight

accidents or mechanical fai-

lures. Some completed one lap

petition time, while others did

not compete. These included

Jordan's record ranked driver of 1992, Reimon Fleifel.

GT Turbo, had the best time of 2 minutes 01.89 seconds in the

first lap, while Bashar Bustami

was second and Ghaith Bilbeisi

was fourth. In the second lan

Ghaith Bilbeisi captured first

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seconds in the first lap. Bashar

Bustami dropped to third

Tareq Taba', in a Renault 5.

Martin upsets Agassi tory over the Philadelphia 76ers. The Nuggets, who are just 3-21

straight home win, a 126-122 vic-

on the road but 16-7 at home,

haven't lost at home since Janu-

ary 9th against Seattle. Dikembe

Mutombo chipped in with 22

points, 15 rebounds and five

Jeff Hornacek had a game-high

defeat the Los Angeles Clippers,

111-104, snapping the Trail Blaz-

straight for the first time since

Parish to answer

drug charge

Boston Celtic star centre

Robert Parish will face a drug

charge next month after police

found about seven ounces (200

grammes) of marijuana in his

suburban Boston home, a pro-secutor's spokeswoman said Fri-

Parish, at 39 the oldest player

woman Terry Smith said.

al express shipping facility in San

Police allowed the package to

be delivered and then searched

covering about seven ounces of

the top ten competitors had a

third lap in which Bashar Bus-

tami clocked the fastest time of

the day with a time of 2 mi-

he was given a ten — second penalty for bumping the pave-ment and his third lap was

recorded at 2 minutes 10.07

The Qomok brothers, who

have an exceptional record at

autotests did not finish among the top five this time. Tarek Taba' finished fourth, Moham-

mad Ba'lbaki was fifth, Ahmad

Qomok was sixth, Sinan Saudi

finished seventh, Ammar Hi-

jazi was eighth, Naser Bustami

was ninth and Mahmoud Qomok

RACJ's opcoming auto

National Rally on April 2.

finished tenth-

5 UU.U/ Seconds. Howeve

blocked shots for Denver.

of nine overall.

jarred Andre Agassi's new focus on his tennis, beating him 6-1 7-6 the \$780,000 St. Jude Interna-

37 points for the Sixers, who have Courier faced match point belost six straight games and eight In Los Angeles, Clyde Drexler scored 32 points and Terry Porter added 25 as Portland rallied to

> ly that he was concentrating harwhich appeared from the sidenot directed at Agassi.

business to act like that.

in the National Basketball Association, will be ordered to appear in Waltham District Court March 3 to be formally charged with marijuana possession, spokes-Police obtained a warrant to search Parish's Weston. Massachusetts, home Thursday after a narcotics-sniffing dog at a feder-

directed." Martin played a huge game Francisco indicated there were drugs in a package addressed to Parish's home, allegedly dis-

Boris Becker took nine months of frustration out on his former Davis Cup team mate Michael Stich when he blasted him out of the Milan Indoor Tournament.

year, Becker won the all-German quarter-final 6-2 6-2 in one hour 20 minutes after breaking Stich's powerful serve six times.
It was at the German Open in

nd Becker has been itch chance to pay him back. Their on-court rivalry has been acceptuated by Becker's recent

man Davis Cup team to play Russia in March, a move publicly criticised by Stich. Becker admitted the German

Open result had been a spur for him but tried to play down the rivalry between the pair.
"Whether I beat Stich or not

seems to be more important to other people than me. There must be more German journalists in Milan this week than in the

Becker, the second seed, will

(7-4), and for the second night in a row top-seed Jim Courier flirted with disaster before winning at tional Tennis Tournament.

fore beating fellow-American Ionathao Stark 6-7 (5-7) 6-3 7-5. Courier will play six-seeded Amos Mansdorf in the semifinals.

The 96th-ranked Martin, who will play second-seeded Michael Chang in the semifinals, seemed ers four-game losing streak.

The Blazers had lost four excited about his impressive performance and pumped his fists after making some incredible February 24th-March 1st, 1991.

Danny Manning pumped in 35 points for the Clippers, who have lost four of their last five games.

Agassi, who announced recentder on his tennis this season, did not appreciate the gestures, lines to be just exhuberance and

But the eight-ranked Agassi was incensed at Martin, an occasion U.S. Davis Cup teammate. "I'm really disappointed with Todd today," Agassi said. When I do it. I get excited personally. When he does it, it's to get in your face. For someone who knows he's going to have one good week a year, be's got no

"Players of his standing and stature should realise guys are excited just to have an opportunity to play someone like Andre." said Martin, about his biggest career victory. "I was not directing any hostility at him. I wish he would realise it was inwardly

serving 15 aces and allowing Agassi to break his serve only once. The one time Agassi did break serve was when Martin served for the match at 6-5 in the second set.

Becker overwhelms Stich

Playing his best tennis of the

May last year that Stich humili-ated Becker 6-1 6-1 in a semifical

decision to pull out of the Ger-

history of the city."

meet unseeded Australian Wally Masur in the semifinal.

HOROSCOPE

FORECAST FOR SUNDAY FEBRUARY 14, 1993 By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righler Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A trine from Venus to moon today allows for much ease in communicating just the mance that you desire to your love interest. As for gifts, that which is festive and frivolous is desired over the prac-

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) A chance arrives for you to express your finest creative talent so be alert for it and tonight you find a cherished longing closer to you.

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) A member of your family has a fine idea by which you can privately gain an important secret wish. tonight consult with a bigwig for

GEMENI: (May 21 to June 21) Go on a jount with a good friend for whatever your joint purpose and you can make real headway in gaining objectives; make friends with a newcomer tonight. MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to

July 21) You can get a brilliant suggestion from a financial expert on how to increase your abunda and have more of lifes goodies. tonight be happy with mate.

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) New ways to gain progressive goals that mean much to you can now be made a reality by some changes on your part, in thinking; tonight encourage a new associate.

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) A new approach at gaining the confidential information you require can yield a gold mine of results; later put some extra pizzazz into your duties.

LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) Consider changes in whatever partnerships that can be beneficial to you and others concerned. ght put into motion a special

antitude that you enjoy. SCORPIO: (October 23 to Novem ber 21) The manner in which you perform whatever activities are now yours is noticed by those in authority who are ready to give you support; tonight coming tasks.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) You are inspired now to gain your most comprehen-sive aspirations and can impress all you meet; tonight get off to new, scenes with unusual persons.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) You can arrive at an unexpected new understanding with a family member about matter of importance at home; then get into ideas presented by a business expert.

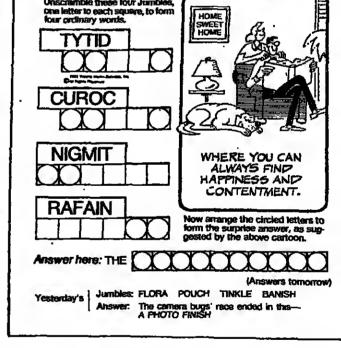
AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) Meet with purtners and those with whom you are associ-ated in everyday affairs and get a course worked out for the future; then do your own thing.

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) You can spend something extra of your money in order to make your surroundings more attractive so don't procrastinate but do it



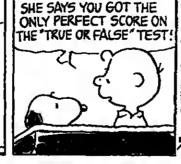
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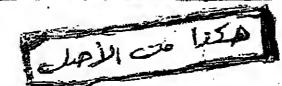


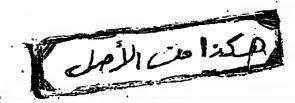




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Sterling Pound	1.4175	1.4205
Deutsche Mark	1.6575	1.6604
Swiss Franc	1,5355	1.5345
French Franc	5.6070	5.6165
Japanese Yen	121.20	120.68
European Curreny Unit	1.1738 4*	1.1740 \

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Swiss Franc	5.50	5.40	5.21	5.02
French Frage	11.87	11.93	10.87	9.50
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European Currency Unit	9.62	9.30	8.75	8.62

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Gold	328.65	6.40	Silver	3.70	060

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Sterling Pound	. 9615	. 9864
Deutsche Mark.	.4171	.4192
Swiss Franc	. 4:97	. 4519
French Franc	. 1233	. 1239
Japanese. Yen:	.5723	.5752
Dutch Guilder	. 5705	.3724
Swedish Krona	.0922	. 0927
Italian Lira	.0448	.0450
Belgian Franc	.02022	. 02032

Other Currencies	. Date: 13/2 ^{/93}		
Currency	Bid	Offer	
Bahraini Dinar	1.5140	1.8290	
Lebanese Lira	0.0420	0.0370	
Saudi Riyat	0.1841	0.1850	
Kuwaiti Dinar	2.2290	2.2900	
Qatari Riyal	0.1874	0.1886	
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Omani Riyel	1.7610	1.7830	
UAF Dirkam	0.1874	0.1886	
Greek Brachma	0.3135	0.3165 .	
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CAB Indices for Amman Financial Market

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Crisis managers lead U.S. executives through minefields

NEW YORK (R) - From ex-

big companies have become more ing. sophisticated about handling crisis in recent years, benefiting image problem. from specialists who do everything from "audits" of potential problems to fighting public opinion fires when disaster strikes.

"In the last few years it's been a growth business, unfortunately." said Clatke Caywood, who teaches a course on crisis management at Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism

Practitioners of the growing speciality praise General Motors Corp. (G.M.) for its aggressive response to this month's most visible corporate crisis, a \$105 million jury verdici againsi the car maker over a fiery crash of one of its vehicles in which a young man died. Other companies G.M. has settled 120 lawsuits not been so lucky.

charging that the company's sidemounted gas tanks in its pickup trucks were prone to explode in

In addition to defending its trucks as safe and appealing against the ruling, G.M. lashed out with a lawsuit against NSC News, which it contends poisoned the atmosphere at the Georgia trial in a news show

hamburgers, corporate America its correspondents admitted on has been getting plenty of experi- the air that the television progence in crisis management lately. ramme had rigged test crashes in Experts in public relations say, which trucks were shown explod-

> Now NBC is stuck with the it was an unlikely turn of

> events, but G.M. was prepared for the verdict, had a plan ready to go and followed it - winning praise from crisis managers, who iot years have been teaching companies to do just that.

G.M., which has been haemotrhaging jobs and money and has been besieged by corporate turmoil, gol a break when a journalist tipped off officials to the

phony tests.
"I would admit we got lucky. but we attacked that opportunity with tenacity," said William O'Neill, a.C.M. official who is handling the pickup truck controversy. Other companies in crisis have

Foodmaker Inc. has seen sales plunge more than 30 per cent at its Jack in the Box fast food restaurants after hamburger meat infected with bacteria poisoned hundreds and killed a two-year-

old boy in Tacoma, Washington. Stock prices were shaken at Motorola Inc. and other cellular telephone makers after a Florida man charged in a lawsuit that his

Within two days, NBC was wife's fatal brain cancer was ploding pickup trucks to tainted forced to back down, and one of caused by her heavy use of the portable devices. The charge was not been scientifically substanti-

> "In every crisis there is a window of opportunity," said John Paluszek, president of Ketchum Public Affairs. 'It may be a few hours, it may be a few days. You have to move very very quickly when that window is open, be-cause after that public opinion is

Even with an aggressive response, though, the costs of a

At Food Lion, a chain of more than 1,000 grocery stores based in Salisbury, North Carolina, samestore sales have been down an average 7.5 per cent since ABC's "Primetime Live" segment on its

The company has sued the net-work, has invited reporters and shoppers to tour its facilities and is installing large glass windows in food preparation areas at all Lion stores.

"If your reputation is at stake and you feel that you have been treated unfairly you have an obligation to get the facts out as you know them because the court of public opinion is going to make judgement," said Joseph Vecchoione, president-elect of the Public Relations Society of

Nepal announces full currency convertibility

KATHMANDU (R) - The gov-bankers said. ernment of Nepal announced Friday that the Nepali rupee was currency partially convertible on now a fully convertible currency and revalued it against the Indian Previously, exporters in Nepal rupee. Nepal's domestic news could exchange 75 per cent of

convertible and has simul- a lower official rate, taneously revalued it against Indian currency," Rashttiya Samachar Samity (RSS) te-

The deputy governor of Nepal's central bank, S.P. Shrestha, has said there would not be any official exchange rate from now on.

The new rate is 160 Nepali rupees to 100 Indian rupees, changed from a rate of 165 to 100, RSS

All imports, including pet- said. toleum and fettilisers, would try sources as saying.

unveiled at the end of the month, said in Bomhay,

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Nepal, like India, made its

their foreign exchange at market "His majesty's government has made the Nepalese currency fully 25 per cent to the central bank at

In India, the ratio is 60 to 40. Nepal's finance ministry also announced that the value of the Nepali rupee would be revised upward against the Indian rupee.

The tevaluation had been exhave to be bought at the open pected in view of the steady matket rate of the U.S. dollar, deterioration of the Indian rupee the agency quoted finance minis- against the dollar over the past week, RSS said.

Nepal's economy is closely tied to neighbouring India's and the announcement fueled speculation against the U.S. dollar over the that India is ready to make its past week on expectations of a budget for the new fiscal year is in the Feb. 27 budget, dealers

German unemployment rises

BONN (R) - Unemployment rose sharply in both parts of Germany in January, teflecting the slowdown in the economy, official data has shown. In the former West Germany, the number of unemployed jumped to 2.26 million from 2.03 million in December, according to figures before adjustment fot seasonal variations. The seasonally adjusted figure rose to 2.05 million from 1.98 million, boosting the jobless rate to 8.3 per cent from 7.4 per cent. In January last year, the West German unemployment rate stood at 6.9 per cent. In the former East Germany, still fighting off the legacy of decades of communist rule, the unadjusted jobless total grew to 1.19 million in January from 1.09 million in December. There are no seasonally adjusted figures for East Germany.

crisis can be huge.

meat handling methods.

Algeria's Sonatrach sees \$1.2b '92 profit

ALGIERS (R) — Algeria's state oil and gas company Sonatrach expects profits of over 25 billion dinars (\$1.2 billion) for the fiscal year ending March 31.

A Sonatrach spokesman told a news conference turnover would be more than 300 billion dinars (\$14.3 billion).

Planned investment for fiscal 1993 would be over 60 billion dinars (\$2.8 billion) of which 60 per cent would be borrowed abroad in hard currency.

Sonatrach Director-General Abdulhak Boubafs said the com-

pany exported two to three mil-

lion more tonnes of pelrol equivalent in 1992 than in 1991, to reach an expected total of 85.8 Output matched a peak from the previous two to three years, duction in 1992 at two million

barrels of petrol equivalent, of which 1.7 million barrels per day (b/d) was exported. Algeria, an OPEC member, has a crude output quota of 764,000 b/d. Oil and gas exports are the backbone of the eco-

Mr. Bouhafs said lower prices on the international market meant export earnings fell to about \$11 billion from \$12 billion

the previous year.

"Let us note in this regard that we have returned to levels of income close to those of the period before 1986, when the prices of oil were higher," Mr. Boubafs said.

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OPEC moves toward output deal but still faces work

said Saturday they had agreed in principle to cut oil output and drain excess crude from a glutted market to try to head off a price

But they acknowledged they still had many details to work out before they can proclaim a successful defence of oil prices. Traders, sceptical of OPEC's discipline and solidarity, are prepared to drive prices lower in the the sticky issue of exact numbers absence of a convincing agree-

Several ministers emerging from two and a half hours of strategy talks told reporters the group was prepared to slash production that is far outpacing demand.

"We have reached agreement in principle, but not finalised (it)
yet," Kuwait Oil Minister Ali Ahmad Al Baghli said.

"We shall finalise the agreement in bilateral talks lonight and

tomorrow morning," he added. Gabonese Oil Minister Jean Ping said the tentative plan was to top almost 1.5 million barrels per day (b/d) from current production around 25 million, probably via pro-rata cuts among mem-

But Qatari Oil Minister Abdullah Bin Hamad Al Altiyah said for individual output limits was not yet on the table.

With markets awash in excess crude, ministers have acknow- oil ledged they need a strong accord to rein in production and reduce The almosphere is very positive. the glut.

A barrel of international benchmatk Brent North Sea crude now costs around \$18.20, down from highs near \$21 last October but up from lows below \$17 louched in January.

Two key ministers in the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) gave upbeat

The general atmosphere of the talks was extremely positive," said Saudi Arabia's Hisham Nazer, representative of the world's biggest producer and exporter of

Progress is going very well. We hope to reach an agreement That in turn would help sup-soon," added Iranian Minister port prices that plunged by a fifth Gholamreza Aqazadeh. "We are late last year before firming re-cently on traders' speculation that lo the market and this ceiling a solid OPEC deal was in the must help the price."

De Beers flexes muscles with diamond price hike

LONDON (R) — South Africa's would see prices rising."

De Beers has announced a small A revamp of Russia's diamond rise in rough diamond prices, which mining analysts said was to show the market it was still in control and had fended off threats from Russia and Angola.

The Central Selling Organisation (CSO), marketing arm of De Beers Consolidated Mines Ltd., said it would increase prices for rough gem diamonds by 1.5 per cent overall from Feb. 15.

De Beers, which controls 80 per cent of the world's market in rough diamonds, cited increased demand - especially in the size range above three-quarters of a

"This sends a powerful mes-

sage to the market that De. Beers is still in control," said Ord Minnett Mining analyst Graham Birch. "I think they do have quite large stocks of diamonds. If this was a free market, I doubt we

industry last years, following a deal Chairman Alex Barbour forecast between Moscow and the breakaway republic of Yakutia and a Russian diamono output would flow of smuggled diamonds from shrink by a quarter this year and Angola, had led to talk in the that there might even be shormarket of a serious threat to De tages of some types of polished Beers' market dominance.

Michael Coulson, mining analyst for brokers Credit Lyonnais Laing, said De Beers was using the price hike to 'flash a message to the market that the worst is over."

De Beers' spokesman Roger van Eeghen said heavy rains had combined with the resumption of fighting between Angola's gov-ernment and rebels to stem the flow of smuggled diamonds to just a trickle.

At the same time, media re-

Last month CSO Deputy in a trade magazine interview that

Market analysts agreed that the Russian and Angolan threats to De Beers had decreased.

diamonds.

Explaining the price rise, the De Beers spokesman pointed to healthy demand in the Far East, with the exception of Japan, and the United States, apart from California.

"We have seen continued demand for certain categories of rough diamonds ...and it would be wrong not to pass this on to ports of large quantities of illicit the producers, particularly as Russian diamonds flooding the quotas are still in place which market were exaggerated and Russian production had slowed, Mr. Van Eeghen said.

French opposition unveils plan to fight the 'social cancer'

PARIS (R) - France's centreright opposition, poised to take power in next month's elections, opposed the Maastricht treaty on steered clear of the most radical has unveiled plans to revive the economy and cure the "social cancer" of unemployment while

maintaining a strong franc. The platform of the Union France (UPF) pledged sweeping privatisation, cuts in labour costs, tough restrictions on immigration and a shift toward, a more professional army.

Socialist government ministers said the programme promised "miracles" and was unfinancable. Extreme-right leader Jean-Marie le Pen dubbed it an "offshore

platform" ignoring public needs. The manifesto, agreed after lengthy negotiations between the Gaullist Rally for the Republic (RPR) and centre-right Union for French Democracy (UDF), called for closer monetary cooperation with Germany and a new impulse to the European Comunion, and sought a devaluation Pen. of the franc and tax rises. Opinion polls forecast a land-ment would strictly enforce ex-

slide for the centre-right and a

stinging defeat for President

Francois Mitterrand's Socialist Party, mired in scandals and worn out by a decade in power RPR Secretary-General Alain Juppe told a news conference that unemployment, now at 10.5 pet cent or nearly three million.

would be the main concern of the centre-right. "Priority number one will be to mobilise all the nation's energies towards employment," he said.

Cuts in interest rates and in employers' social charges would be crucial to revive the stagnant

economy, he said. The UPF platform pledged

It made no concessions to strictet controls on immigration, European political and economic measures proposed by Mr. Le

> isting rules to expel illegal immig rants, ban marriages of convenience to get French citizenship, toughen rules on family reunification and stop welfare benefits for polygamous immigrants.

> On defence, the manifesto said the armed forces, stretched to intervene in recent far-away conflicts, would boost airlift capability and increase the number of professional soldiers.

> Traditional military service would be reformed with a growing number of conscripts dealing with protection of the environment, Third World aid or helping

the police.

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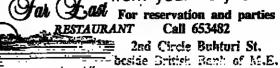
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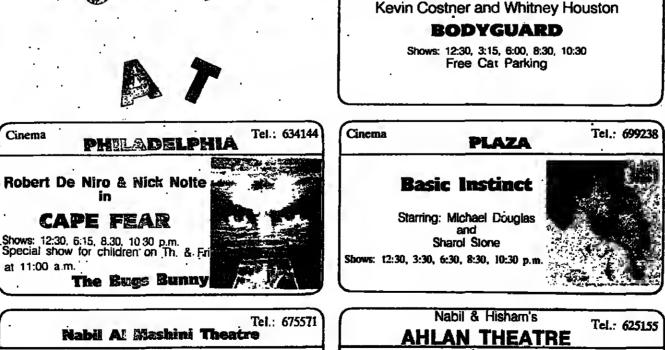
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Zulu chief warns of bloodshed over ANC-Pretoria deal

Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi warned Saturday of possible bloodsted if the South African government and the ANC tried to impose their constitutional plans for the country's future on his

The inkatha Freedom Party leader said in a statement the government and the ANC would have to resort to force to compel the Kwazalu homeland to accept the plans they announced Friday.

"The government and the ANC/SACP IAfrican National Congress/South African Com-munist Party I alliance are playing Congress/South with our lives and the lives of our children and grandchildren." Cirief Bethelezi said.

iie was reacting to Friday's statement by ANC Secretary-General Cyril Ramaphosa that the government had agreed that the question of regional autonomy should be settled by an elected Constituent Assembly.

The government previously insisted that a constituent assembly be bound by the principle of devolution of power to the re-

Senior government negotiator Fanus Schoeman also said that Nelson ivlandela's organisation, the biggest opposition group regotiating the end of exclusive white rule in South Africa, had accepted power-sharing between

But Chief Buthelezi raised the

a democratic South Africa, said zulu/Natal accepting the mooted

ported government-ANC compromise and Chief Buthelezi's

been killed, most in township turf wars between ANC and Inkatha

British television personality David Frost, said Friday night he

The ANC leader said the first elections open to all races should go ahead despite the violence and preferably before the end of the

Multi-party talks on the future of the country are expected to start next month.

supporters had expected too much of him when he was released from jail three years ago this month.

They thought I would come out of prison and solve problems with a magic wand," he told Mr.

WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

Togo opposition slams new government

LOME (R) - Togo's main opposition leader slammed Prime

Minister Joseph Kokou Koffigoh's new crisis government Satur-day, calling it illegitimate and lightweight. The lame-duck premier

announced a lineup Friday night packed with supporters of strongarm President Gnassingbe Eyadema, who dissolved the

previous government a month ago. "One wonders on what basis

Joseph Kokou Koffigoh has formed a government at this moment," Leopold Gniminvi, leader of the main COD2 opposition grouping, told Radio France International. "It doesn't count for anything The problems remain." Mr. Gaininvi, one of the

few opposition leaders left in the west African country after a run

of violent attacks on Mr. Eyadema's critics, said no government

could be formed before an "overall solution" was found to Togo's

two-year-old political crisis. In the most recent flareup, security

forces shot dead at least 22 opposition supporters last month in the capital Lome. More than 100,000 terrified Lome residents fled

BAMAKO (R) - Ex-President Moussa Traore of Mali and three

senior army officers were sentenced to death after a court found

them guilty of mass murder in 1991. Defence lawyers said the

condemned men would appeal. The death penalty is mandatory in

Mali for convicted murderers. After a 10-week trial the High

Court in Bamako said Mr. Traore had nudered security forces to

open fire on demonstrators in the capital Bamako and provincial

MANILA (AP) — An unidentified man Saturday threw a homemade bomb at a passing soft drink delivery truck but it bounced off the vehicle and exploded in front of a store, killing

two people and wounding three, police said. Police said the dead

included a female public school teacher and a 5-year-old girl. The

wounded were all children. Motive for the attack has not been

OUETTA, Pakistan (API - Mir counterparts are withholding in-

formation.

FBI: CIA suspect fled after

warning from U.S. friend

Mali ex-president sentenced to death

to neighbouring Ghana and Benin.

Blast kills 2 in Manila suburb

cities, killing 106 people.

established, police added.

Aimal Kansi knew the Federal

Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

was looking for him two days

before he was identified as the

prime suspect in the murder of

the Central Intelligence Agency

(CIA) employees, law enforce-

The 28-year-old Pakistani dis-

appeared on Feb. 8 from his

home in Quetia, saying he was

going to the southern port city of

Karachi before returning to the

"He had a friend in the United

States who warned him that the

FBI was looking for him," said a

senior law enforcement official,

who spoke on condition he not he

family's sprawling home in south-

western Baluchistan province on

Jan. 20, three days after the

shooting deaths outside the CIA

Headquarters in Maclean. Va.

Mr. Kansi is suspected of

shooting two employees and

wounding three as they drove

Mr. Kansi had lived in the

United States for nearly two

years, working at a courier ser-

vice which made deliveries to the

CIA, although Mr. Kansi did not

have clearance to enter the head-

Quetta was a prime centre for

the CIA's covert operations dur-

ing the 14-year civil war between

Afghan rehels and the former

Communist regime in Kabul. k

also is a Pakistani centre of drug

trafficking and weapons smug-

gling to Afghanistan and Iran.

say they have been unable to find

a motive that links the CIA

shootings and Kansi, now on the

FBI's "10 most wanted" list. He

had no criminal record and was

not involved in any militant poli-

tical groups while studying En-

glish literature at Balchistan Uni-

Law enforcement officers in

Quetta claim their American

versity, they said.

Pakistani officials, however,

into the compound.

quarters compound.

Mr. Kansi had returned to the

United States.

ment officers said Saturday.

"That perception created excould possibly fulfil," said Mr. Mandela.

organisation committed now and again have lowered the expecta-

instituted by Mr. De Klerk.

The ANC would fight the elec-tions in alliance with the South African Communist Party, Mr. Mandela added.

openly and say in this list of 200 (candidates) there are so many members of the ANC, there are so many members of the Communist Party.

on that national list will be in

would be in Portugal on Feb. 23 and 24 and would travel to Scotland on Feb. 25. It gave no other

Burma: Rebels killed 61 villagers

ma's state radio said Friday 61 Burmese, including a two-month-old baby, were killed in an attack

insurgents stormed into the village near Linkhae township in Shan state, which borders China, Laos and northern Thailand, early on Feb. 9.

lage with hand grenades and machineguns and then took villagers to an open field and shot them, the broadcast said.

No independent confirmation of the attack could be made. The radio said women, old men and children, including a twomonth-old baby, were among the dead. Many appeared to have been stabbed to death with

A former Shan insurgent now living in Bangkok said Linkhae was not an area of activity for his former comrades who, like a oczen other ethnic minority greaps,

want antonomy from Rangoon.
"Maybe the government troops killed the people," he told Reu-

Radio Rangoon said government soldiers arrived at the vil-

lage 30 minutes after the killings, It did not suggest a motive for the Meanwhile, South Africa's Anglican Archbishop Desmond

laureates who hope to enter Burma next week to pressure the

"We want her to know that the world cares, we care and we support her and that she should

forces were in control of the attacks, artillery barrages and airport and a police barracks.

The diplomats predicted Friday that Huambo would fall to UN-ITA within 48 hours, ending the month-long battle in which thousands have been killed or wounded which has become the

centrepiece of the civil war. The United Nations said it was urgently trying to contact UNITA to discuss reports that it had rejected a proposed truce to allow mercy flights of food and

medicine to Huambo. Relief workers say thousandsof wounded are without food or medical treatment in the city

would be fruitful.

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tank fire.
"We hope to have a response for later on," said a spokesman for U.N. special representative to Angola, Margaret Anstee who has been vainly trying to contact UNITA leader Jonas Savimbi.

The diplomats believe UNITA will only resume peace talks with the government, a first round of which took place in Addis Ababa earlier this month, after it occupies Huambo.

UNITA cancelled the second round which had been due to start last Wednesday, saying it was recalling its delegation for

which has been flattened by air consultation.

Powell: U.S. military change must come slowly WASHINGTON (API - The and the pace of defence cuts. wing planes; and consolidation of A briefing booklet given to the navy and air force command reporters at the news conference and control aircraft into the said pointedly that Gen. Powell's

United States' top soldier is advising against moving too rapidly to change the missions ssigned to the military, warning that the nation's fighting power is at stake.

"If we proceed too quickly, or impose changes so large they cannot be absorbed, the risk is that we may destroy the basic fabric of our fighting force," Gen. Colin Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said at a news conference Friday.

Gen. Powell put his words of caution in a 120 page position paper on the future of the military. Such a report is required by law every three years.

The blueprint set a sharply different tone from that of the Clinton administration, which is urging swift action to cut costs. But the four-star general sought to minimise the differences, telling the news conference "there's a new team on board and we're going to get new ideas from that new team.

Earlier this week, Gen. Powell appeared on TV news programmes to deny that he wanted to leave his post earlier than his September retirement because of differences with President Bill Clinton over gays in the military training programme for fixed-

policy" and was not "the opening

Marine corps. Gen. Powell also warned gainst reducing the size of the J.S. overseas force too rapidly. The administration wants to bring the level of U.S. troops in Europe to 100,000 by the end of 1996,

"Further reductions in forward stationed forces can be made, but the current rate of reduction

force structure." tions: "A unified command over navy's E 6A programme.

Mr. Clinton is seeking \$60 billion in military cuts over the next five years beyond what the Bush

administration planned, but Gen. Powell's blueprint provides only a few specific cost cutting recom-

ple launch rocket systems - the

Meanwhile, President Clinton is preparing to name the first female secretary of the air force,

The Washington Times, quoting unidentified Defence Depart-

announcement would be made but that it was likely to come soon. Ms. Widnall, a professor of aeronautics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, told the Times in a telephone interview Thursday that she had met with Defence Secretary Les Aspin in January, but declined to say whether he had offered her the

"It's the president's prerogative to make such an offer, and I'm not in any sense tapped by the president," she told the news-

In an interview with the Associated Press last month, Ms. Widnall discussed how researchers are dealing with the post cold war military. The same air-

rent areas," she said. "Now we're going to see a lot more of that,"



Mother leaves giri in British 'home alone' case

LONDON (R) --- An 11-year-old girl whose mother appears to have gone to Spain was left in a London flat to fend for herself in what is being called a British version of the U.S. "home alone" scandal. Police said Friday that the girl, who was in the sole care of her mother, went to an elderly neighbour for help and is now heing looked after by local au-thorities. "We are trying to locate the child's mother to interview her," a police spokesman said, "At present we have initiated inquiries in Spain where it is thought the mother may he. There were no details on how long the girl was left alone in the flat. The British media drew parallels with the case of a Chicago couple. David and Sharon Schoo, who have been charged with cruelty after leaving their two daughters at home while they took a vacation in Mexico. The Schoo case was dubbed the "home alone" scandal after a Hollywood bit film about a child parted from his parents.

Charles leaves for U.S.

LONDON (R) - Future king Prince Charles left Britain Friday on his first trip abroad since the official breakdown of his marriage and an embarrassing scandal ovet an alleged adulterous affair. Prince Charles took a Concorde flight to New York for a meeting with U.S. Vice President Al Gore. After two days he goes on to Mexico for an official visit at the invitatioo of President Carlos Salinas de Gortari. The 43year-old prince appeared happy and relaxed at Heathrow Airport, greeting reporters with a cheerful "good morning". Ifficials who shake the royal hand in the United States and Mexico will probably be too polite to mention the recording of a telephone conversation, said to be with married friend Camilla Parker Bowles, which made sensational headlines around the world last month. The couple on the tape are caught inan intimate bedtime chat re-corded long before Prince Charles and his wife Princess Diana were officially separated last December.

U.K. government kills rape bill in parliament

LONDON (R) - Britain's Conservative government Friday killed a parliamentary bill which sought to make male rape and rape in marriage a crime. The government, which said the bill was unnecessary as most of the crimes were adequately covered under existing law, stopped any further action on the proposed law introduced by an opposition Labour member, Harry Cohen. The Labour Party called earlier this week for judges to treat rape more seriously after a 15-year-old who raped a schoolmate was allowed to go free. A Home Office (Interior Ministry) spokesman said rape in marriage, while not formally on the statute books, was outlawed by a decision in the House of Lords, parliament's poper chamber, under current law, male rape is punishable as sodomy. Mr. Cohen's bill would also have widened the definition of rape to cover not just vaginal penetration but other forms of sexual assault. It would have denied bail for a defendant with prior rape convictions. The Home Office spokesman said creating new offences was not the solution to the problem of increasing sexual crimes. Government sources said the Home Office was considering a review of sentencing policy for sexual

World War II . prisoner returns after 52 years

behind the iron curtain after World War II for the love of a Ukrainian woman returned home Friday for the first time in nearly. 53 years. Paul Catrain, now 74, will spend a week in the tinyfarming village of Bois-Les-Pargny in northeast France. where a public welcoming ceremony will be held Sunday, his relative Raymonde Catrain told Reuters. Mr. Catrain was prevented from contacting his family during most of the cold war. For many years, he was believed dead and his name was only recently removed from the village's war memorial. He has lived on an collective farm at Strikhivisi in Ukraine since 1945, but was flown back to France by a French television station. "He looks healthy but very tired. He still understands French but can hardy speak it any longer," said Edwige Zunarec, a sister in law who met him at the airport.

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Khmer Rouge see military situation worsening

PHNOW PENH (R) - Cambodia's military situation is de-teriorating and national elections planned for may be the United Nations will be a farce, a senior Klimer Rouge official said Satur-

The (military) situation is worsening ... there is no improve-ment since November." Mac Ben

fold a news conference.
"They [the Phnom Penh army] have already started their 15th dry season offensive," he said. The Cambodian people and their patriotic forces will commit thenisieves to do everything they could to preserve Cambodia as a

nation. It is a question of the very survival of the nation. "Mac Ben, a senior official wno often acts as the group's spokesman, said U.W.-c. ganised elections set for late May would be "a farce" that "would spell an

end to Cambodia. The Phnom Penh eccepment's army had been trying to capture Pailin by Jan. 28, when all four rival Cambodian factions were meeting in Pekins for a session of the Supreme National Council, the national reconciliation body. Mr. Mac Ben said.

He said Elimer Rouge guerrillas had repused the Phnom Penh army from around its headquar-1255 in Pailin near the Thai frontier in western Cambodia but fighting was still continuing.

Now we have repulsed the Victnamesa forces and their puppets from the Pailin area but the situation continues to be tense and the confrontation will go

The Khmer Rouge maintain that the Vietnamese army. which ousted them from power in 1979, is still active in Cambodia and directing the Phnom Penh government it installed. U.N. military personnel and diplomats reject the claim.

The Phnom Ponh regime is nothing but the tip of the Vietnamese icoocrg," Mr. Mac Ben. "The present rulers of Phnom Penh are all window dres-

sing. U.N. military headquarters in Phnom Ponh described the -rebruary fighting, mainly around Battambang province in the northwest, as the worst ceasefire violation since the peacekeepers arrived last March.

While rejecting calls to disarm its fighters in line with the accords, the faction has sought to exploit anti-Vietnamese sentiment to undermine the Phnom Penh government.

Recent killings to ethnic Vietnamese scrilers have been blamed by U.N. investigators on the Khmer Rouge.

Sounding an ominous note, Mr. Mac Ben said the U.N. Transitional Authority in Cambodia (UNTAC) headed by Japanese diplumat Yasushi Akashi would he held responsible for the consequences of an election held without a neutral political en-

"This kind of election will produce an assembly and government that will not be different from the one now installed in Phnom Penh," he said. "The Cambodian people will not accept that kind of election.

The decisions were reached at three days of talks between the government and the African National Congress and appeared to resolve two major constitutional issues blocking progress towards non-racial rule.

spectre of bloodshed if the ANC and the government went ahead with the plans. "If the ANC/SACP alliance

and the government are serious in proceeding along the lines de-scribed, they will have to factor in their plans the need for using the South African Defence Force and the private aimy of the ANC/ SACP alliance, Umkhonto We Sizwe, to achieve compliance of Kwazulu/Natal," Chief Buthelezi

Chief Buthelezi, who fears being sidelined and is trying to promote his own federal plan for there was no possibility of In-katha, the Kwazulu government or the majority of people in Kwa-

constitutional model. It was simply out of the ques-tion, he said "that a Constituent Assembly, elected in unfree and unfair elections in the current climate of violence and intimidation, will decide on boundaries, powers, functions and structures

reaction would effect plans for a summit between the Zulu leader and Mt. Mandela aimed at trying to reduce the level of violence in More than 7,700 people have

supporters, since reformist President F.W. De Klerk unbanned opposition groups and began dis-mantling apartheid three years Mr. Mandela, interviewed by

had hoped a summit would take place but there were major differences hetween him and chief

Mr. Mandela said Friday his

pectations which no human being

"The mistakes which I and the

tions, I hope." Mr. Mandela served 27 years in jail after being sentenced to a life term for treason and sabotage. He was freed as part of reforms

"We propose to come out

"As far as we have been able to study the size of the membership,

commands."
Mr. Mandela will have talks

An elderty Serbian woman warms up by drinking a coffee in her bed, which has been put in a classroom

SARAJEVO (R) - At least 166

people have starved to death in

two Muslim towns blockaded

against U.N. relief convoys by

siege since the start of the civil

war last April between Muslims,

Croats and Serbs in the former

Mr. Mendiluce was due in the

Bosnian capital of Sarajevo

Saturday to try to persuade the

Muslim-led government to re-

nounce a boycott of UNHCR aid

being staged in sympathy with the

On Sunday he will go to Pale,

the Bosnian Serb administrative centre outside Sarajevo, with a

list of convoys he proposes to run

into the eastern region under the

protection of U.N. peacekeeping

Sarajevo was quiet overnight

apart from some scattered small

there has been fighting between

Croats and Serbs since late Janu-

Croatian radio said there was

light shooting in mins on the

and now under U.N. protection.

The Bosnian government is re-

LUANDA (R) — Government forces clung by their fingertips to

the besieged town of Huambo

Saturday after losing more

ground to National Union for the

Total Independence of Angola

(UNITA) rehels in the latest round of fighting for Angola's

Diplomats said UNITA seized

key areas and government build-

ings in the fierce street fighting.

arms fire in the old town.

ary, sport

Port of Zul .

fringes of

second city.

reporte:

Muslims in the east.

Yugoslav republic.

166 Muslims reported starved

aid, vital for 380,000 residents

trapped in Sarajevo by Serb

forces. It says 100,000 Muslims

cut off in eastern Bosnia must be

Serbs of trying to force out Mus-

lims in the region by starving and

shelling them in a new campaign

of "ethnic cleansing".

President Bill Clinton

appointed Reginald Barth-

olomew this week to join Lord

Owen and co-mediator Cyrus

Vance in efforts to secure a peace

settlement in Europe's worst con-

Pitched battles among rival Muslims, Croats and Serbs were

reported Friday across the Bal-

kan republic, where more than 16,000 people have been killed in

In Croatia, both Croats and

Croatian officials also said they,

were likely to accept proposals by

U.N. Secretary-General Boutros

Ghali for a six-week renewal of a

U.N. peacekeeping mandate in the republic, which broke from

Dr. Ghali said in a report to the

Security Council that the limited

period would give negotiators

time to patch up the truce be-

nia said Saturday that. Muslim

forces carried out a mortar attack

in which a French soldier died

and three others were injured this

General Philippe Morillon told

reporters he had protested to

Muslim President Alija Izetbego-

vic who had ordered an investiga-

The four soldiers were in an

tion of the incident Thursday.

Angolan troops hold on in Huambo

Meanwhile, the commander of

Serbs agreed to go to New York next week for talks at the Uolted

flict since World War II,

10 months of war.

Yugoslavia in 1991.

Nations.

In neighbouring Croatia where U.N. peacekeeping forces in Bos-

wcs.

riatic

ared from

. last year

U.N. officials accuse the rebel

jecting any more international armoured car which was hit at

Sarajevo Airport. One of the

deliberate attack carried out by

Bosnian government forces for

The United Nations said Satur-

day it had temporarily halted

food aid flights into Sarajevo

Airport because of recent heavy

today, for security reasons," said

Sylvana Foa, spokeswoman for

the U.N. High Commissioner for

The UNHCR, main coordina-

tor of food supplies to the war-

torn region, plans to tesume

flights Sunday, she said. In Brussels, the European

Community said it welcomed the

decision by the United States to

take a more active role in bring-

ing peace to ex-Yugoslavia and to

appoint Mr. Bartbolomew as U.S. envoy to the peace negotia-

"The European Community

and its member states look for-

ward to close cooperation with

the U.S. in the pursuit of a

negotiated settlement," it said in a statement adopted late Friday.

cial envoy on Bosnia started

meeting top Russian officials

attempts to boost the peacemak-

ing process in the former Yugos-

with the head of the Russian

parliament's Foreign Affairs

Committee, Yevgeny Ambart-

sumov, and was later due to meet

Foreign Minister Andrei

Both men told reporters they

were confident the discussion

Mr. Bartholomew held talks

In Moscow, the new U.S. spe-

"We're not flying into Sarajevo

Gen. Morillon said it was a

soldiers later died.

propaganda purposes.

shelling in the area.

Refugees (UNHCR).

to death in east Bosnia towns

fed first.

the Communist Party bas got a tiny minority. Its representation proportion to the numbers which

with British Prime Minister John Major on Feb. 22 during a trip to Europe, the ANC said Friday.

A statement said Mr. Mandela

Serb forces in eastern Bosnia, Muslim-controlled Sarajevo Radio reported Saturday. It said 108 people, including 40 children, had died of hunger in Cerska since Jan. 5 and 58 others since Feb. 1 in Gorazde. Both towns have been under

Jose Maria Mendiluce, special UNHCR envoy in the region, has BANGKOK (Agencies) - Burannounced plans to send convoys into eastern Bosnia next week to challenge Serb road blocks pre-venting aid reaching stricken Muslims

on a village by Shan insurgents.
The official radio station of
Burma's ruling generals, monitored in Bangkok, said 300 Shan

The insurgents attacked the vil-

Tutu said Friday he would join a delegation of Nohel Peace Prize

government to release 1991 Peace Prize winner, Aung San Suu Kyi. The leader of the National League for Democracy, Mrs. Sun Kyi has been under house arrest

expected in Pakistan this week. But local authorities suspect Mr. Kansi has fled either to in Rangoon since July 1989. Afghanistan, Iran or the Middle East, travelling on a new Pakistani passport obtained in Washingderive some strength and encouragement from that fact,"

Arch. Tutu said.

Mr. Kansi's family belongs to the Kansi trihe living in Baluchislan, which contains parts of southwestern Afghanistan and southeastern Iran. Authorities say he may have sought sanctuary from clan memhers, who live by a strict code that guarantees any tribal member seeking asylum un-

U.S. officials were not im-

mediately available for comment.

The federal government prom-ised to help the FBI track down

Mr. Kansi and extradite him to

the United States. an FBI team is

Mr. Kansi faces possible charges of capital murder punishable by execution - after investigators searched his apartment in Reston, Va., and found a Chinese-made AK 47 automatic rifle that tests showed had been used in the attack.

questioned support and protec-

assault rifle three days before the shooting. Although reluctant to talk about him, many in Quetta saw Mr. Kansi as temperamental, volatile

Mr. Kansi had bought the

and a bit eccentric. His family is one of Baluchistan's wealthiest, with vast land holdings, a restaurant and hotel in Quetta and several construction firms in Karachi, the industrial heart of Pakistan.

According to his family, Mr.

Kansi did very little after graduat-

ing from Baluchistan University

in 1987 until his departure to the United States in March 1991 He sought asylum in the United States in February 1992, claiming the Pakistani government was persecuting Baluch tribesmen, although the Kansis are ethnic Pathans.

State radio said government troops were still holding on to some positions after resisting an armoured-car led thrust by UN-ITA forces surrounding the central highland city. UNITA's Voice of the Black Cockerel radio said earlier its

short-circuit new administration

shot of an insurrection." The report recommends ending some cross service redundancies in maintenance and training, but advises against major consolidation of military roles carried out by the army, navy, air force and

down from previous goals of 150,000.

should be maintained," Gen. Powell wrote. "Going any faster would adversely affect the cohesion and readiness of the overall Among his other recommenda-

forces defending the continental

United States; a single initial

It says \$400 million to \$600 million a year could be saved by closing seven or eight of the 30 maintenance depots around the

Gen. Powell also recommended that the army remain the sole service equipped with multimilitary's most modern shortrange attack missiles — and that the Marines not go ahead with a planned \$300 million purchase of

a newspaper reported Friday.

ment sources, said Sheila Widnall would he the service's top civilian administrator but would not he in the chain of military command.

The sources told the newspaper

they didn't know when the

paper. "I'm just waiting."
Ms. Widnall, 54, has conducted air force sponsored research and was a member of the Air Force Academy's Board of Visitors from 1970 to 1984, the Times

frames, engines and wing designs used on military planes can improve civilian flights. "This is just basic, fundamental research which had broad applications in a whole lot of diffe-

PARIS (R) - A French prisoner in Nazi Germany who stayed